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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

POINTS OF BRITISH MODIFICATIONS.

But Substantial Agreement.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, November 15.
According to a fuller statement of the British modifications to Mr. Hughes' proposals, the chief British objection is to the system of replacement of capital tonnage and the allocation of half a million tonnage each to Britain and America and three hundred thousand to Japan. The principle is not questioned, but is pointed out that the decade-holiday proposal would be practically meaningless unless armament plants were drastically reduced. British experts opine that the period allowed for rebuilding should be spread over a term of years. It might be agreed to build one ship yearly or to allow each country only one building plant, thus permitting it to keep abreast of improvements. Moreover British circles feel that unless the means of building ships are curtailed any scheme which controls the number of ships actually built will fall short of the ideal desired and sought, because any country will be in a position at any time to force its Navy up to any strength desired.

Regarding submarines, Britain never possessed and does not desire ninety thousand tons, which would be her quota under Mr. Hughes' scheme. Even if Britain does not suggest the abolition of submarines, she will certainly urge rules for limitation of their size and armament. While the British delegates realise the force of the contention that it is impossible to check the building of small craft without inspection, they reply that no Power could build large submarines—say of 4,000 tons—and train the personnel required secretly. It is pointed out that only large submarines are capable of offensive operations; the smaller ones are available only for defensive purposes. The British delegates also consider that the Americans derive an advantage from Mr. Hughes' proposals in the matter of aeroplane-carriers. Whereas Britain had to build a large number of carriers owing to war emergencies and will be unable to incorporate the latest designs in improvement in her quota. Apart from these modifications, the British delegation wholeheartedly welcome what they consider a splendid basis for settlement.

November 12 an Historic Day.

Mr. Balfour's presentation of Britain's views concerning the limitation of naval armaments was the dominating feature of the second session of the Conference, held today, when the galleries were crowded with notabilities. Mr. Balfour described Mr. Hughes' proposals as a great historical event, making November 12 a new anniversary in connection with movements of the reconstruction of the world. He pointed out that while the United States are impregnable in their communications, no citizen of the British Empire could forget that his life depended upon the Empire's sea communications.

Mr. Balfour said that he was not lamenting Britain's weakness. "Far from it," said Mr. Balfour; "we are strong in hope and the ardent patriotism binding us together; but this strategic weakness is obvious to everyone who reflects. It is known to our enemies and they don't let it be forgotten by our friends."

"Full, Loyal, and Complete British Co-operation."

Mr. Balfour believed, as regards the battleship basis, that the proportions as between the various countries were acceptable and the limitation amounts reasonable, but suggested that submarine tonnage might well be reduced and the construction of large submarines prohibited. He suggested that the questions of the replacement of capital ships and of cruisers which were not required for a fleet action should be referred to technical experts, as they did not affect the main structure of the American proposal. Mr. Balfour's reference to submarines was acclaimed; and when he promised the full, loyal, and complete co-operation of Britain in the general American plan the audience rose and cheered for half a minute.

After reading a cablegram from Mr. Lloyd George endorsing the speeches of President Harding and Mr. Hughes, Mr. Balfour concluded amid tremendous applause.

Greatest Armament Reform Ever Conceived.

Mr. Balfour particularly stressed Britain's dependence upon sea communications, and asked his hearers to imagine the Western States of the United States suddenly removed ten thousand miles across the sea, while the heart of the country consisted of a small crowded island depending on overseas trade not merely for luxuries but for raw materials and food. Therefore no Britisher was able to forget that he lives by sea communications. Without them he and the Empire would perish. The British delegation agreed with Mr. Hughes' scheme in spirit and principle, and regarded it as the greatest reform in connection with armament ever conceived by statesmen.

While he considered that an attempt to enter into details of the scheme would be ill-fitting on such an occasion, he declared that there were details which can only be adequately considered in committee. British experts were inclined to think the submarine tonnage was too large. Submarines were a class of vessel most easily abused. In the late war they were grossly abused. He suggested limitation of the tonnage and prohibition of construction of large submarines on the ground that the latter were intended not for defence but for attack, probably by methods which civilised nations regard with horror. Mr. Balfour suggested that other details in connection with the replacement of obsolete battleships, also the question of cruisers, be considered by technical experts, and emphasised that these modifications did not touch the main outline of Mr. Hughes' structure, which he believed would remain for the admiration and use of mankind.

Mr. Balfour's speech was listened to amid tense silence and greatly impressed the conferees while the personal dignity and solemnity of the utterance infused every word with significance and importance. Mr. Balfour's speech, which was made without notes excepting words scribbled on the back of an envelope, was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Japanese Delegate's Response.

Baron Kato followed.
Baron Kato declared that Japan was ready to proceed with sweeping reductions of naval armaments. She did not desire a fleet equal that of the United States or of Britain, but the proposals for replacement would be specially considered by the Japanese naval experts with a view to suggesting certain modifications which Baron Kato hoped the American and other delegates would consider. Signor Schanzer and M. Brissard announced the general approval of the Italian and French Governments of the American proposals. The proceedings were then adjourned.

FIRE AT KOWLOON.

Matched Blaze.

A fire which had every appearance of becoming a serious blaze broke out at Kowloon at about twenty minutes to nine last night. Flames were seen coming from one of the matchbeds, which, with others, were erected on the old tennis courts of the Wigwam Tennis Club, near Humphrey's Buildings, where building operations are in progress for the erection of a number of new houses.

In a few minutes the fire was blazing merrily and it looked as though it might become serious. Sparks were flying about in all directions and, owing to the inflammable nature of the material, those occupying flats in the neighbourhood were alarmed for the safety of their property. The Dragon Motor Car Company's garage is near the spot where the conflagration broke out and it was decided to remove all the cars to a place of safety.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade was telephoned for, but so fierce was the blaze that there was no hope of the matchbed being saved. There was a good supply of water and it did not take the Brigade long to get the fire under control, but the matchbed was destroyed and also a considerable portion of the scaffolding erected against the buildings.

At one time it appeared that the first floors of the new building had every chance of becoming

CHINESE NEWS.

To-Day's Interesting Items.

Our Canton correspondent reports that a rumour says that negotiations are in progress between Ma Kwan-mu, Tschun of Kwangai and a syndicate of American and British interests to raise a loan for the building of a railway between Pakshik District in Kwangai and Samshui, in Kwangtung.

Information from the North River states that six gangs of Hunan bandits, of more than one thousand strong each, are separately ravaging the various districts in the north of the province.

A Peking telegram states that in reply to a telegram from the Government, Wu Pui-fu says that he will come to Peking about the November 20 when the Paoing Conference is concluded.

Wu Pui-fu has decided to extend a branch of the Peking-Hankow railway to Cheong Shun Ten so as to control the Peking-Fengtien and Peking-Shui-yuen railways.

Ignited, but the Brigade's efforts proved successful in preventing the flames from spreading and, luckily, in the end, the conflagration was not so serious as it might have been. Soon after nine o'clock the fire had been put out and the enormous crowd of people which had assembled in the vicinity broke up and went away.

Mr. Lloyd George's Wholehearted Approval.

Washington, November 15.
Mr. Lloyd George has cabled Mr. Balfour wholeheartedly endorsing Mr. Balfour's opinion that President Harding's and Mr. Hughes' speeches are bold, statesmanlike utterances pregnant with infinite possibilities, and adding that nothing could augur better for the success of the Conference.

British Naval Experts "Greatly Satisfied."

London, November 15.
British official telegrams state that the naval experts were busily engaged until a late hour on Mr. Hughes' proposals. All are greatly satisfied with these. Henceforth no communications will be made for publication apart from official communications.

Chinese Delegation Gratified.

Washington, November 15.
Dr. Wellington Koo, in a special statement, says that the Chinese delegates are greatly pleased with the spirit of fairness and the high moral tone which characterised the opening of the Conference. If the great problems can be solved in this spirit, China has much to expect from the Conference. The Chinese delegation faces the issue with confidence and hope.

Women Protest.

Washington, November 16.
China's British advisers were the first to arrive at the Conference, followed by members of the American advisory committee. A strong military cordon was drawn round the Conference hall, and only bearers of official credentials were allowed to pass. As the delegates were assembling half a dozen women paraded in front of the main entrance with banners demanding the release of political prisoners before speeches began. The Conference unanimously adopted the committee plan worked out by the chairmen of the five principal Powers.

U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW.

Big Firm's Manager Sent to Ellis Island.

New York, November 15.
Mr. Giras, the Calcutta manager of the firm of Ralli Brothers, has been sent to Ellis Island with his family because his papers indicated a probable stay in America of seven months, which the officials consider classes him as an immigrant, although the law does not specify a period.

PROPOSED SHORT TIME IN COTTON INDUSTRY.

100,000 Concerned.

London, November 15.
The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has decided to ballot 80 per cent. of their members, engaged in American cotton, as to whether they are prepared to reduce the working week to twenty-four hours. A hundred thousand operatives are concerned.

THE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

Government's Reply to Ulster.

London, November 15.
After three long sittings the Cabinet despatched a reply to Ulster's counter-proposals, which, it is understood, merely reaffirms the Government's position.

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

To-Day's Committee Meeting.

CHANGES IN THE PROGRAMME.

A meeting of the Reception Committee in connection with the Prince of Wales' visit was held at noon today, under the presidency of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.

The following account has been supplied by Mr. Eric Rice, the Hon. Secretary.

On the request of the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn outlined the programme which had previously been approved and added that a few desirable alterations had occurred to him.

There was a proposal that a special assembly hall be erected on Murray Parade ground which should be the centre of all public gatherings during the Prince's visit. For instance, it was proposed that His Royal Highness should proceed to the Assembly Hall at about 10.15 on the morning of the 6th, after the ceremony of landing and that the general reception should take place there, the hall being capable of holding several thousand people. In that case H.R.H. would be free by about 10.30 when he would proceed to Government House and have the rest of the morning still before him. It was suggested that at about 3 p.m. that afternoon a short ceremony should take place conferring on the Prince the University Degree and after the banquet that night H.R.H. should embark to view the illuminations from the water and later land again to witness a fireworks display on a big scale. That would be the first day's programme.

On the second day it was feared that the tour of the New Territories would take too long to be feasible, but in any case the morning would include an opportunity for H.R.H. to meet children and Boy Scouts at the Prince's own special request. The British Legion proposed to entertain the Prince at luncheon at the Regulus Bay Hotel. Mr. Severn thought that the Prince should leave in time to meet all members and shake hands with them and a telegram had been received from the Red Cross saying that the Prince was anxious to meet all members. Personally, the Prince would prefer a quiet luncheon at Government House on the second day and had stated that a letter would follow his telegram, so that at present, no definite arrangement could be made. It was also proposed that a short meeting of the Masons of the Colony should be held at the Assembly Hall that evening at about 6.30 prior to the Chinese banquet.

The following names were added to the Committee: Messrs. R. M. Dyer, J. Reid, Hector Sassoon, Marsh, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, R. Hancock, and Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R.

It was proposed to appoint with out delay a general executive committee of from 20 to 30 people to conduct the entire course of the proceedings and to appoint sub-committees to arrange each separate item. This was approved.

Mr. Severn said that in consideration of the Prince being the Prince of Wales he thought it would be complimentary to him to elect Sir William Rees Davies as a Welshman as Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Eric Rice as Secretary. The General Officer Commanding and Commodore should be asked to nominate representatives of the Navy and Army for the Executive Committee and that Indian and Portuguese representatives be also appointed.

Sir Paul Chater proposed that the British Community of Shanghai should be represented.

It is understood that His Excellency has approved of that and that the Executive Committee has been asked to consider how such an invitation should be sent.

FORTHCOMING RECEPTION.

Overseas Club and Patriotic League.

On Friday the 25th November—the day on which Lord Northcliffe is expected to pass through Hongkong—Sir Paul Chater is entertaining a large number of the community to a reception at Marble Hall at 5.30, in the name of the Overseas Club and Patriotic League, of which Lord Northcliffe is President, and to which he has for many years devoted a large amount of interest and assistance.

It is hoped that, if time can possibly permit, Lord Northcliffe will be present, and every effort is being made to render this possible.

Sir Paul, in any case, is extending the full hospitality of his beautiful house and garden, and His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs will be present.

At 4 p.m., the guests will hear some details of the Overseas Club and its objects, and—in addition to the attractions offered by Marble Hall itself with its priceless collection of china, the lawn and terraces will be at the disposal of the guests, the band of the 2nd. Wiltshire Regiment will play in another part of the gardens, and a short programme of music is being arranged to take place in the music room.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Collectors of old furniture will find many valuable secrets revealed in the various methods of faking antique furniture in Mr. R. W. Symonds' handsome volume, "The Present State of Old English Furniture," which Messrs. Duckworth publish. Mr. Symonds' book is not aimed to expose the faker so much as to help the amateur to distinguish the difference between the true and the false antique. He writes from experience and wide knowledge of Old English furniture, and these valuable assets he communicates most liberally to the reader. Mr. Symonds helps the collector to use his own observation in judging furniture, and few who read his book will fail to profit by the valuable knowledge he imparts in a simple, straightforward manner. The many beautiful illustrations of "specimen" pieces contained in the volume greatly enhance the value of the book as a work of reference.

An old Kentish property with a strange legend was sold last month in Ramshurst, once a manor-house of the ancient Culpepers, and with a history going back to Edward I. The place is a picturesque old panellied manor-house, said to be haunted, though not for years past has anybody in the house been disturbed by ghostly sounds or sights. The apparition is alleged to be a former owner, one of the Children family, and local tradition asserts that the manor-house will be haunted until the property becomes theirs again. The Childrens left the district, but lately the name has re-appeared there. They sold Ramshurst in 1816, and since then the property has had several owners.

Professor Soddy, whose "radium journey" has won him special notice lately, is one of the foremost authorities in chemical science in the world, and takes a very high place among the younger men who have followed in the steps of Sir William Ramsay in radio-investigation. He has been a great traveller in the cause of science, has been a Demonstrator in McGill University, Montreal, and a University Extension Lecturer in Western Australia. He is a past president of the Röntgen Society, and studied under Sir William Ramsay in London.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

The Latest Changes.

Mr. W. G. Mackenzie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Pakhoi.
Mr. R. S. Loughnan, chief officer, Suifuang, is on reserve.
Mr. J. L. Fraser, chief officer, Hain Peking, has gone chief officer, Suifuang.
Mr. J. Sim, chief officer, Pakhoi, has gone chief officer, Hain Peking.
Mr. F. M. Laird, third engineer, Shantung, has gone third engineer, Zeehoan.
Mr. W. McNab, from leave, has gone third engineer, Shantung.
Mr. J. Ralston, third engineer, Kaiping, is on leave.
Captain W. Forrester, of the Wosang, is on reserve.
Captain R. J. McClelland, from reserve, has gone master, Wosang.—Shipping and Engineering.

THE THEATRE.

Grand Guignol.

A collection of three comedies and a thrilling drama were presented by the Warwick Comedy Company under the name of "Grand Guignol" at the Theatre Royal last night. The audience was rather poor, which was more the pity, as each of these short plays possessed distinct characters of their own. The brevity of the acts was more than made up by the witty dialogue of each situation, and in the entertaining manner in which the plays were presented by the capable members of the Company. The interest of the audience was sustained throughout the evening. An exception to the usual run of playlettes was seen in "The Bargain", illustrating the fate of a bridge player, who breaks his promise. This certainly provided all the thrill that one desired and the acting in it was clever and forceful. The audience showed their hearty appreciation. This evening is being presented that great success "Brown Sugar" the laughter-making comedy which previously took Hongkong by storm. There should be a packed house.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The World Theatre has a special announcement on Page 7.
Harry Orr will give his third piano recital on November 21.—Page 4.
The Hongkong Theatre have two big pictures on their week-end programme.—Page 12.
There will be a Bazaar at the Italian Convent on November 19 and the day following.—Page 4.
Lammer's will sell off paper to-morrow and Household Furniture at No. 1 Broadwood Terrace on November 21.—Page 4.
The abridged prospectus of the Hongkong and Leather Co. Ltd appears on page 4.
The Warwick Coy. stage "Brown Sugar" at the Theatre Royal to-night.—Pages 7 & 12.
"Almost a Husband" is the film feature at the Coronet to-night and Mabel Normand appears in "Pinto" at the Kowloon Theatre.—Page 12.
The 38th Annual Ai Frasco Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place on December 4. The Committee appeals to the ladies of Hongkong for gifts.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 8½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.83 T-m-p-erature—72. Humidity—50.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day 5.23 p.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

REFLOATING THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Paris, Nov. 14. The Parliamentary, Financial and Foreign Affairs Committees held a joint sitting to hear Finance Minister Doumer on refloating the Banque Industrielle de Chine. Among the plans under consideration is one consisting of appropriating for that purpose a large amount still due to France by the Chinese Government on account of the Boxer Rebellion 1901 indemnity. The whole matter was reserved until the return of M. Briand who is now in the United States.—Havas.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Washington, Nov. 15. The general effect of transferring consideration of important questions to special commissions is to enable round table discussion thereof behind closed doors instead of openly. M. Briand and Signor Schanzer agreed that France and Italy act together on all Conference questions. Proposed Franco-Italian Agreement.

Well-informed circles in Washington consider that a Franco-Italian agreement should contribute to the realisation of the aims of the Conference.

LABOUR BREEZE AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Nov. 15. There was a little breeze at the Labour Conference in the course of a discussion on the report of the Committee on weekly rest in industrial undertakings in consequence of Baldesi, the Italian workers delegate, contending that the whole of the non-European countries at the Conference formed a block for the purpose of opposing measures of social progress already largely adopted by European countries. He added that when reform of the governing body of the Labour Office was discussed those same non-European countries insisted on their rights to the full share of the management thereof.

The South African employers' delegate, Gammill, controverting Baldesi, declared that non-European countries desired practical results from the Labour Office and would do all they could to achieve that end. They would, however, prevent wildcat schemes from going through which could not be accepted in many countries and which by non-acceptance simply brought discredit on the whole labour organisation.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

Paris, Nov. 15. The French electrical engineer Girardgan, now engaged on wireless telephony experiments in mid-ocean on board the liner Paris, has telephoned the French Postal Under-Secretary from a distance of over five hundred and forty miles a clear congratulatory message, being the first wireless telephone message ever sent such a distance.—Havas.

ARBUCKLE TRIAL COMMENCED.

San Francisco, Nov. 15. The Arbuckle trial has begun.

THE HON. MR. HO FOOK

Chinese Thanks for his Services.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, who has just resigned from the Legislative Council on which he has acted as one of the Chinese representatives for a little over four years, was yesterday afternoon entertained at a tea party given by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Liberally decorated with flags, festoons and floral baskets and with strings of flowers running crosswise overhead across the place, the meeting room of the Chamber presented a very festive appearance. At 4 o'clock, after a meeting which is reported in another column) had been held, the guest of honour arrived and was cordially greeted by the large gathering present. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and among those present was Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairman said that the gentleman whom they entertained that afternoon was no stranger to members; the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook had been in their midst for quite a considerable period, figuring prominently in public affairs to which he had devoted no small amount of time and energy. Mr. Ho Fook had identified himself with public affairs for some thirty years; several years before he (the speaker) started, and during his activities the thoroughness and vigour which

he displayed in sustaining his part in whatever he concerned himself with had won for him the general appreciation of the Chinese community in whose interest Mr. Ho Fook had always worked with real interest. The valuable help that had been rendered by Mr. Ho Fook in contributing to the public weal was too much to recall, but, speaking as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of members, he desired to place on record the excellent services of his late colleague on the Council in forming the Chinese Commercial Union, or the old Chinese Chamber of Commerce. When the establishment of the Union was made known the promoters met with a good deal of opposition from some Chinese merchants who misunderstood the objects of the Union, and on whose representations the attitude taken up by the Government towards the scheme was by no means propitious. However, the sponsors of the scheme, favoured with the support of other merchants, including Mr. Ho Fook, eventually had the gratification of seeing their scheme bearing fruit, but unfortunately it had a short existence and was closed down owing to uncontrollable circumstances not long after its opening. In its place had sprung up the present Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the thriving condition of which was due to the untiring efforts of such active members as Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Lo Kom-tong and many others.

By Mr. Ho Fook's resignation from the Council, said Mr. Lau Chu-pak, he sustained the loss of a right hand man; whose sound judgment, acumen, helpful advice and co-operation, manifested in the many and sometimes protracted, deliberations which he had had with him in connection with representing to the Council the views of the Chinese community on matters discussed by the Council, had always greatly impressed him. It would really be hard to obtain a better condutator or one who had the same sympathy and understanding with the speaker as the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, whose retirement he greatly regretted. However, due regard should be given to one's health and advanced age, and however strong the inclination was to serve the public, one should never allow that inclination to interfere with the two things which he had just mentioned. For this reason, Mr. Ho Fook's decision was a thoughtful one. Mr. Lau Chu-pak next referred to the general indifference and apathy of the Chinese community, even in matters affecting the public. Support of the Chinese members on the Council, he said, was seriously lacking and it was high time that Chinese should awaken to their duty and take greater interest in public affairs. "If one did a thing satisfactorily and with the result desired by the public

one gained no appreciation; and if the result of what one performed for the public should come as a disappointment people would not be slow to express their dissatisfaction. Bearing this handicap in mind he would like to congratulate the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook on his good luck in being able to discard his official "lice jacket." (Laughter.) In conclusion he (the speaker) wished his late esteemed colleague health, prosperity and many years peaceful enjoyment of his retirement. (Applause.) After thanking the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment which he had great pleasure to attend and to the Chairman for his flowery remarks concerning his work, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook assured those present that his resignation was actuated by no ulterior motive than a desire to have perfect rest after such a long spell of mixing with public affairs. The advance of years affected his vigour and he felt that it would be a benefit to the community, whom he had had the honour of representing for over four years, that he should resign and make room for a better man. In reciprocation of the good wishes of members he wished them prosperous business and "making plenty of money." (Applause.) The gathering then broke up.

THE OLD STYLE OF CEMENT BIFOCALS

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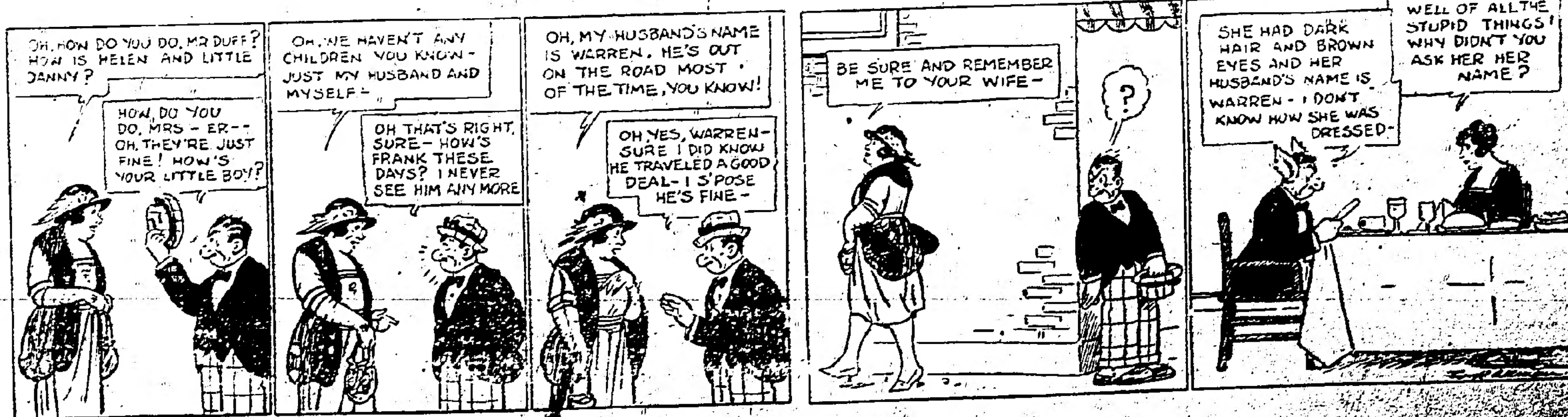
GENERAL NEWS.

"PEKING" GAZETTE TO STOP. The Peking "Government Gazette" is in debt to the amount of \$300,000, reports the Shanghai Journal of Commerce, and it is expected that publication of the journal will shortly cease. Apropos of the general shortage of money the same journal reports that Peking has sent a delegate to Shanghai "to negotiate a secret loan of \$100,000 from a local bank. The loan will be repaid from the salt surplus next January or February.

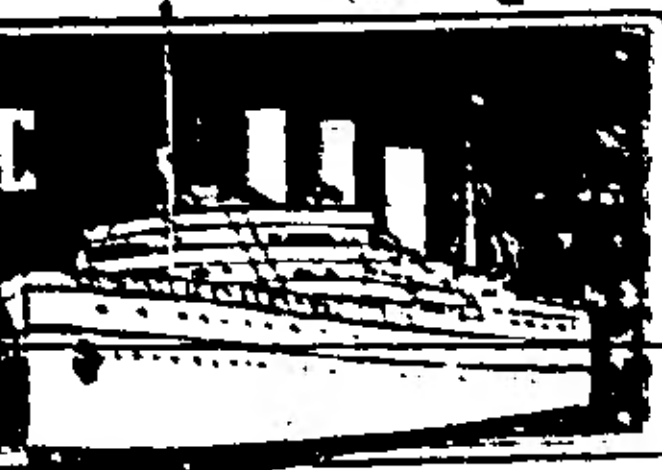
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

SURPRISE FOR COALOWNERS.

Some colliery owners in Lanarkshire had the unique experience last month of men having voluntarily suggested that they would accept a lower wage rather than that the pits should be put on reduced runnings. In some cases the men named 10s per shift against 14s 6d now ruling. If masters agree and lower their price as a consequence iron and steel works closed will reopen. The withdrawal of Government subsidy, it is believed, will enable Scotch owners to recapture lost Continental markets.

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co. Shanghai, in their circular of 5th November, state:—While the state of inaction mentioned in our last issue still obtains, there has been no weakening of rates, and prices close very much as a week ago, but with perhaps a shade more firmness. The Conference of the British Chambers of Commerce has naturally withdrawn some attention from the share market, as has also the approaching Race-festival. Debentures.—With the exceeding tightness of money the persistent demand for debentures is a matter for remark; prices still show a return of 8 per cent. to the buyer, taking amortization into account, save in the case of the long-lived issues where the return is slightly less. S.M.C. 6 per cent. (1913) were done at 79 and the 6 per cent. issue Land Investment Co. same year at 78; while the 5½ per cent. issue of the latter (1916) changed hands at 73.

GOVERNMENT SCRAP DEAL.

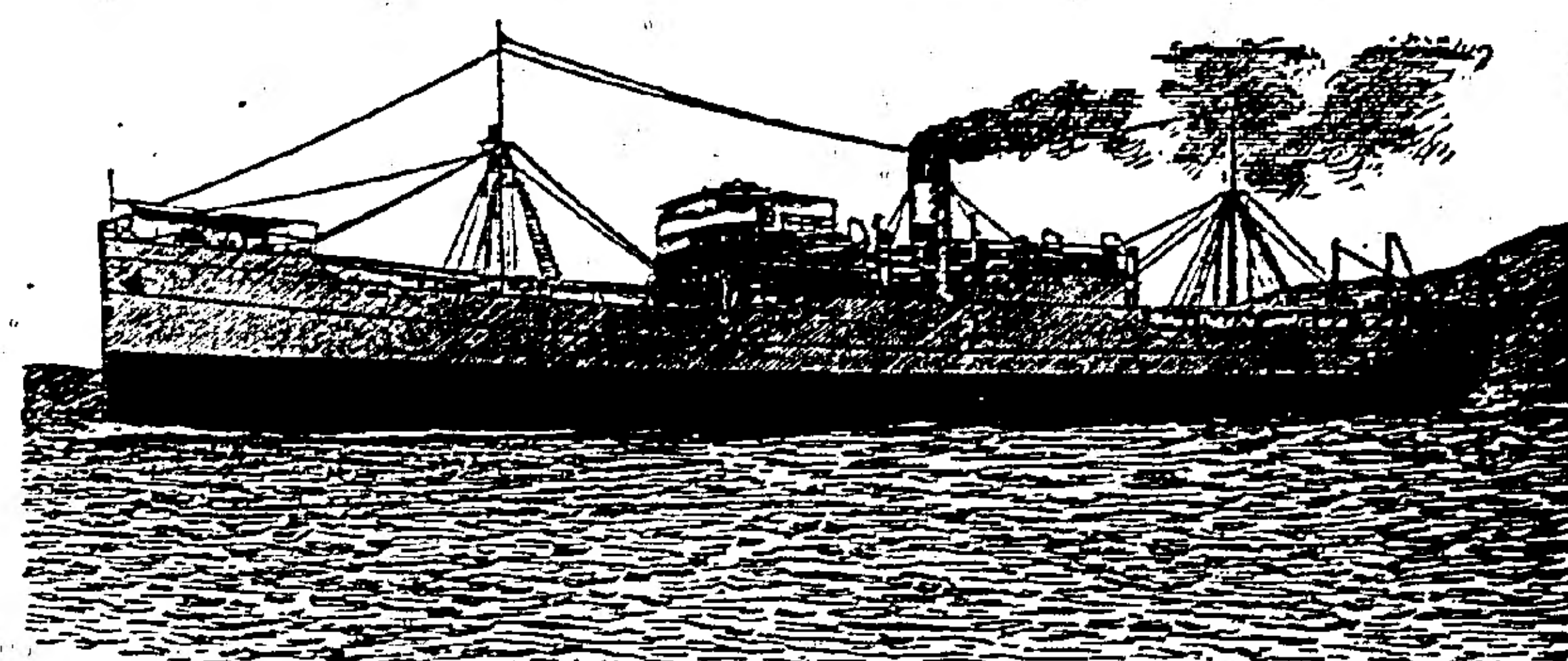
There was considerable discussion on the London Metal Exchange and elsewhere about the Government's deal in scrap metal, writes the London correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce*. Mr. Garbham's name has been mentioned as the chairman of a committee it is proposed to form to deal with the matter on behalf of the scrap metal merchants, and the whole country is aroused at the latest Government "deal". The price of the scrap sold is said to be under £30 per ton, and if this is so the whole business becomes very difficult to understand. Seen on the subject, a prominent metal man pointed out that probably the bulk of the large amount of scrap sold consists of crushed shell cases. These would be 70-80 mixture, and easily worth £45 per ton. There may be some shell bands. These last year sold as high as £100 per ton, and even now would be worth £60 to £65 per ton. The brass ingots, of which there must be a fair amount in the tonnage sold would be 60-40 mixture, and worth £35 to £36 per ton. Thus the whole deal becomes quite inexplicable, and it is not to be wondered at that the scrap merchants intend to press for a close investigation of the peculiar transaction.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Monday, November 14th, at 2.30 p.m. when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.30 p.m.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date. All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

All goods remaining after Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 1921, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1921.

"WESTMINSTER GAZETTE" CHANGES.

"W. R. N." (Sir William Robertson Nicoll), in a note in the *British Weekly*, under the heading "Things in General," says:—The transformation of the *Westminster Gazette*, to which I referred some time ago, is now being arranged in detail. The *Gazette* will become a morning paper. The size and appearance will be somewhat like those of *The Times*, and the price

EXHIBITION FOR KOWLOON.

Site To Cover An Area Of Nine Miles.

At a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Chairman, made reference to the projected inauguration of a colossal exhibition which will be held in 1922 with a view to popularising Hongkong, attracting more travellers to the Colony and promoting trade.

Speaking on this forthcoming exhibition, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak said that there was at present in Hongkong a body of men who contemplated conducting a big exhibition in 1922 with the object of bringing more tourists to the Colony and advertising the great trade facilities which Hongkong offered to merchants in the conduct of their business and also to exhibit the products of different provinces in China, samples of which were expected to be set out on exhibition. Letters had been sent to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said Mr. Lau Chu-pak, soliciting information as to whether the Chinese would assist in the enterprise and the promoters of the scheme had discussed with him the question of formulating plans for this gigantic project which, he was confident, would not only yield untold benefit to local commerce but would be the means of giving prominence to the Colony. The site of the exhibition, which covered an area of nine miles, would not be in Hongkong on account of the lack of a suitable and adequate space, but an ideal spot would be selected in Kowloon. A conception of the large scale on which the exhibition was to be held could be obtained from the size of the space required and it was the intention of the organisers to run it on such lines as would give them the results they desired. In addition to the display of Chinese products from different places in China—for invitations would be issued to Chinese merchants in the interior, through the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, in due course—things that would interest and please visitors would be installed such as was done in exhibitions in France, America and other big countries.

A Model Exhibition.

There would be houses built to the same height and size and in the same style as genuine houses so that they could be inhabited by people during the time the exhibition was held. Then there would be railways, tramcars and motor cars in miniature, everything designed to fascinate visitors. The winter season was most desirable to hold the exhibition because rain in winter was scarce and therefore the articles exhibited, could be preserved for a longer period. If the exhibition, which was to last several months, could attract people to Hongkong from all parts of the world, the Colony would be benefited a hundred times more than by any advertisements published in guidebooks, etc. No definite plans had as yet been prepared, but it was expected that in February or April next year members could know all the arrangements. He (the Chairman) simply apprised members of this scheme beforehand so that if they wished to take part in the exhibition they would have plenty of time to secure whatever they desired to be displayed. The Chairman invited discussion on the matter. There being no response, he suggested that discussion be deferred until the arrangements had been announced, which was agreed to.

TREASURER OF DRURY LANE.

Mr. C. H. Thomas, who has been treasurer of the Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, for 30 years, has resigned. He served under the late Sir Augustus Harris.

STEALING ELECTRICITY.

Chinese Defendants Sentenced.

Lan Kan and Hoi Chio were charged with feloniously abstracting and consuming electricity of the China Light and Power Company and with larceny of electricity.

Mr. M. H. Turner prosecuted on behalf of the China Light and Power Company and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson defended the first defendant.

Sergeant Gable stated in evidence that at 7.15 p.m. on the 9th inst., accompanied by a Chinese detective and Mr. Nicholls, Main Superintendent of the China Light and Power Company, he visited the first floor of No. 64, Chatham Road, Kowloon. There were six cubicles on the floor. On the top of the wooden partition of room No. 3 he saw an electric lamp enclosed within a card-board box. The box was open on two sides and was used as a shade of the bulb, which was lighted at the time he saw it. In room No. 2 he found another electric lamp, the wiring of which was threaded through the support of a shelf which was secured against the side of the partition inside the room. This lamp was also burning, and had a paper shade. He arrested the second defendant who admitted being the occupant of the room No. 2 and also the wife of the first defendant. Later he went to the China Light and Power Co.'s Power Station and there arrested the first defendant, the occupant of room No. 3.

In reply to Mr. Tinson, Sergeant Gable said the card box, with the light in it, placed on the top of the partition of the first defendant's room. It shone into the room, and not on the passage of the house.

Defendant's Ingenuity.

Mr. R. E. Nicholls, Main Superintendent of the China Light and Power Company, said on the 9th, in consequence of certain information given to him by a Chinese detective he went to Chatham Road and looked up at No. 64. He saw through the window electric lights burning in the house. The detective dashed his bull's eye at the wires of his company which ran under the verandah of defendant's house, and with the aid of the detective's light he could see two wires attached to his company's wires through the window of No. 64. Mr. Nicholls corroborated Sergeant Gable's evidence with regard to the raid of defendant's house. The currents used by defendant were generated by the China Light and Power Company and his company did not supply electricity to 64, Chatham Road. The cloth of a part of the insulating wire which ran under the verandah of No. 64 had been removed in order to make the connection with the wires of defendant's house possible.

After further evidence had been given defendants were sentenced to two months' hard labour each.

RESEARCH WORK AS AIR DISASTER MEMORIAL.

To Carry on the Work of Those Who Perished.

A memorial fund to those lost in the R-33 and previous airships is to be raised by the Royal Aeronautical Society. With the income from the capital sum raised it is proposed to encourage investigations into problems connected with airships or allied subjects, the results of such work to be embodied in papers to be read before the Royal Aeronautical Society.

It has been decided that the memorial shall take this form, as it is believed that this offers the best means of carrying on the work of those who have perished in the cause of airships.

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Second class accommodation is on the shelter deck aft and arranged in two-berth and four-berth rooms, fitted up similarly to the first class. Second class dining-saloon is on the upper deck and accommodates 100 persons. The lounge is situated aft on the bridge deck.

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A suit, to be worn when the tang comes in the air, is a model of blue tricotine with vest and high collar of green and white, fine-striped duvetyne, with red and blue running through the border. The costume shows the directive influence in the loose-fitting back and suggested high waist line. The sleeves are slightly bell-shaped and are trimmed in large crystal buttons. The smart little hat is of black heckle with the novel painted points in white.

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FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

Industrial Development.

An informative article on French Indo-China is contributed to the *Board of Trade Journal*, by the Acting British Consul-General at Saigon. He declares that "Indo-China is held to be France's richest colony," adding that it is very rich in minerals, especially Tongking. The entire population he puts at from 16 to 20 millions, and points out that the chief port of Tongking (Haiphong), which "did not exist in 1880, has to-day 75,000 inhabitants, 26 factories, and a harbour which is held to be among the best equipped in the Far East."

He states, further, that there are over 2,500 miles of navigable streams and canals in Cochinchina and Cambodia in the south, while Tongking in the north has 700 miles.

The system of railways comprises a total of 1,200 miles of line, of which nearly one quarter is in Chinese territory. It is, however, insufficient, and further lines are urgently called for. There are over 9,000 miles of motor roads in the Colony. The writer gives as mining industries, coal, Hongay and Tongking, producing 750,000 tons annually, zinc, tin, wolfram and graphite. Amongst other industries the cement works at Haiphong are mentioned as producing 15,000 tons yearly, which will soon be increased by 50,000 tons. Rubber is grown in the south, and the cultivation of cotton on a large scale is being undertaken. Economic equipment of the Colony is urged by the increase of transport facilities on land and water, the improvement of postal services, and mining apparatus.

After stating that there are seven banks in Indo-China, the Consul-General concludes that in 1919, the latest year for which figures are available, the commerce of French Indo-China was valued at 2,293 million francs, or 1,181 million francs more than in 1918, and 1,332 million francs above the average of the five preceding years. In 1919 France and French Colonies accounted for 15 per cent. of the entire commerce of Indo-China, as compared with 29 per cent. in 1910, foreign countries making considerable headway in the interim.

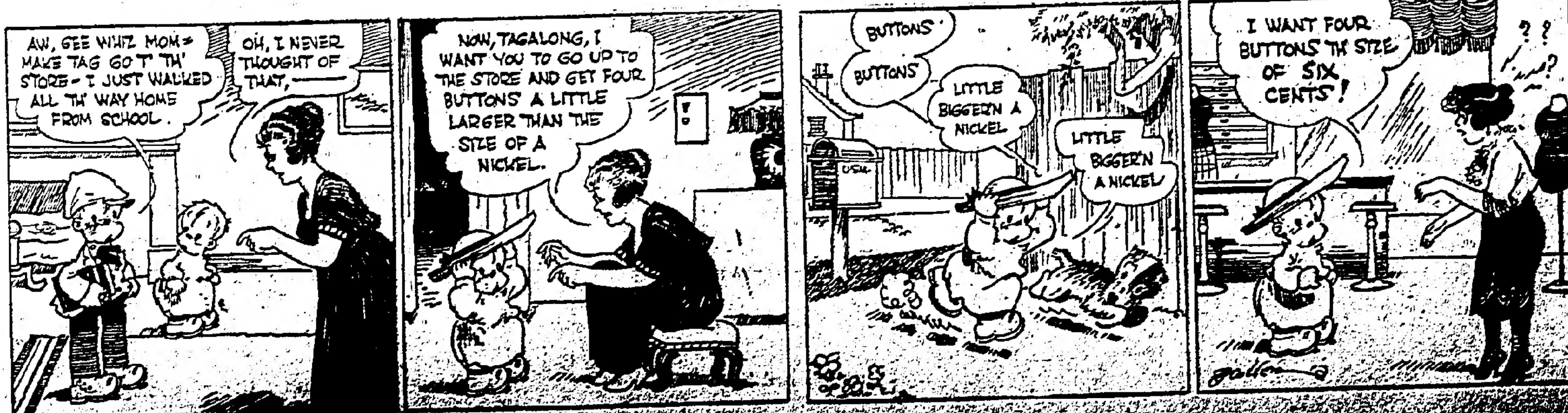
MOTOR CAR ABLAZE.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1921.

RENT PROFITEERING AT SHANGHAI.

Only the other day our Legislative Council was handling a measure in respect of rent restriction by way of checking profiteering on premises. Considering that this problem is of practically world-wide dimensions, it is not surprising to find that the inhabitants of Shanghai are experiencing tribulations of this kind. Naturally the poorer Chinese are the class most largely affected, but they are not by any means the only ones. The European population is feeling the stress of continually increasing rents and pressure on space in respect of both residential and business premises. Normal growth alone, considering the scale of the northern port, would have produced this problem; and it has been markedly accentuated by refugees from Europe, especially Russia, and from the disturbed districts of China.

To a certain extent property owners have the justification of higher values all round in raising rents. This is not the grievance. What is causing widespread dissatisfaction in Shanghai is the profiteer. The prevailing state of things demonstrates that many property-owners are so possessed by cupidity that they are utilising the demand to force rents up to the extreme maximum, tenants of years' standing who have never failed to pay their rent regularly being served with notice to quit in order that the owner may re-let the premises at perhaps double the rent or more. Increases show a wide range, but an addition of 100 per cent. appears to be not uncommon, and instances are recorded of the rent actually being increased to 300 per cent. Sometimes the landlord proceeds by a series of advances. In other cases he is in such a hurry to get more that, as a steep increase would make the extortion too obvious to the tenant, he gives notice, usually on the plea that he requires the premises himself, whereas it is found directly afterwards that he has let to somebody else at a greatly-increased rental. The mania for gain is so prevalent that where the head landlord is content to let things go on, the tenant avails himself of the opportunity to sub-let at a profit. In short, the abuses are of the kind that have occurred here and in lots of other places.

Many European tenants hold under lease, but many others do not, and the extent of the problem may be inferred from the fact that not long ago some young Britishers at the northern port discussed the erection of Nissen huts, apparently considering this reminder of other days preferable to the existing conditions. Unfortunately from this point of view, it is not quite such a simple matter to dump a hut down in civilised quarters as in a war area. The poorer Chinese, with their teeming numbers and meagre earnings, are in worse case. They have shown by their newly-formed Tenants' Association that Chinese have the faculty of organisation in a greater degree than is often supposed. A memorial they have prepared for presentation to the Municipal Council makes cogent reading. One plan that has been mooted, for Europeans as well as Chinese, is that the suburbs should be extended, and in view of the expansion of the Model Settlement something of this kind appears inevitable. But if the Chinese desire the co-operation of the International authorities, a corollary would be the withdrawal of hostility to enlargement of boundaries.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

"Beer and Baccy."

We can see a positive storm of controversy brewing over what the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang said at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Monday. Did you read it? He said that smoking was something much more than a creature comfort and alcoholic drink more or less a necessity. He was appealing for a reduction in the amount of duty on tobacco and alcoholic liquors and to make his plea all the more forceful expressed himself as above. What a pity we haven't the good old Band of Hope out here, for we should have a birthday kind of row if we had. But there will be many who will agree with Mr. Lang, not because they are themselves either drinkers or smokers to excess but because they have found that in an enervating climate an occasional stimulant is not only helpful but healthful. There are perhaps many who advance such a plea to excuse a rather too liberal indulgence and it is a dangerous kind of doctrine for Mr. Lang to preach. But the majority of people in this world are of the normal type and therefore those who drink and smoke in moderation are in the greater number than those who do otherwise. Regarding the requested reduction of the present duties imposed we cannot agree with Mr. Lang, because we feel that if revenue must be raised then let it be paid by those consuming non-essentials. When we get right down to "brasacks," both smoking and drinking are not absolutely necessary and they come under the heading of "luxuries" no matter how helpful we might individually find one or the other. This Colony still needs all the revenue it can get to pay for the big developments in hand and projected and we think it would be a mistake to withdraw taxation from "beer and baccy" and then have to place it on some more essential article. The price of drinks and smokes is high, we admit, but to the man of moderate consumption there is not left a great deal of cause for complaint. Let us be really honest with ourselves in this matter of drinking and we will find that this Colony is a very much more reasonable place than it was when whisky was dirt cheap and when there was a whole string of "pubs" down Queen's Road. We are not sorry that those days are gone because we think Hongkong is a better place for their going, and we have no objection to our Government making a fair revenue out of the importation of both drink and tobacco. If we could be convinced that any hardship existed we would join Mr. Lang's side to-morrow.

A Matter of Policy.

Very many people are sharing the opinion that the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen made the best speech at the Budget meeting. He certainly was very statesmanlike on the broad question of Hongkong's financial policy. In the matter of developing our possessions we Britishers are often accused of being haphazard and not endowed with length of vision and whilst that might be true in part it is nevertheless true that we do actually develop. We don't start out with great ideas and then in a little while be content to stagnate. We begin modestly and add little bits here and little bits there, alter that and improve this. That may be bad policy, but the eventual result is praiseworthy. Whether it is better for this Colony to go on paying for improvements as it goes or whether it would be better to launch out on really big and well conceived schemes and raise loans for the purpose is a very debatable matter and one which can best be argued by expert financiers, but we have a very strong fancy for the good old policy of "pay as you go." That works best in business if you can afford it and a mortgage or overdraft should be a last resort. Has this Colony reached the stage of a last resort? Mr. Stephens thinks it has reached a stage where it should consider adopting the borrowing habit, but the Government at present thinks the Colony can afford to pay its way. There is quite a lot of public work in hand and we shall possibly not spend very much more than we raise during the year to come. We can easily afford to pay on our present scale, and while we can do that we ought to be content. Intelligent foresight can be applied just as well in a small way as it can in a large way.

DAY BY DAY.

RICHES ARE OF LITTLE AVAIL IN MANY OF THE CALAMITIES TO WHICH MANKIND ARE LIABLE.—Corollary.

Injuries to his head and chest were sustained by a Chinese lad who was yesterday knocked down by motor car No. 243 at Praya East.

Arrested on the s.s. Honan in possession of 100 rounds of ammunition, a Chinese was this morning sentenced to a fine of \$100 or six weeks' imprisonment.

There was one fatal case of plague and also one fatal case of diptheria reported yesterday, both victims being Chinese. There was also one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever the sufferer being British.

A meeting of the St. Andrew's Men's Association, Kowloon, will be held to-night (Wednesday) in St. Andrew's Hall at 8.45 p.m. when Mr. B. Wylie will read a paper on "The Romance of Publicity" which will be followed by a discussion.

At the Hongkong Theatre is being screened one of the most thrilling and romantic pictures seen in Hongkong for a long time. It is entitled "The Sign of the Spade" and features that most talented artist Helena Rossion. A very humorous comedy follows. At 7.15 p.m. performance further episodes are being shown of "The Lion Man."

Charged on two counts for breaches of the conditions of his licence, a money-changer was this morning fined \$50 for each offence. He failed to keep his account books up-to-date to enable a balance to be struck by the examining Police Officer and also to furnish to the C.S.P. on the 1st September a return showing the number of silver dollars bought, sold or exchanged by him in the preceding half month.

At 3 a.m. this morning a raid was jointly carried out by Revenue and Police officers under the direction of C.P.O. Watt on two houses at Queen's Road West on execution of an opium warrant. After having ascertained looking through a keyhole that the moment was appropriate for the launching of a surprise on the inmates, Officer Watt suddenly burst the door open and almost stumbled over two men who were busily engaged in preparing a quantity of opium. These men together with another man in the adjoining house were taken to the Police Station, and were this morning brought before the Magistrate.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

The General Meeting Of The Legion:

Sir,—Quite recently the cult of anonymity has been fairly exhaustively discussed in the correspondence columns of your Northern contemporary. In particular Hongkong it may perhaps be hazarded that there are a few more pros than cons or at any rate perhaps a little more reason for a pseudonym than in our enlightened sister port. However this may be, it seems a pity to me Sir, that all our protestant legionaires should yet remain unknown to one another. "Tyres," whom I am with wholeheartedness and who captivates me as a scribe, wisely suggests that the approaching general meeting should be the occasion of a rally. Would he consent, I wonder, to the suggestion that we who are with him should send him our names? We might do this, care of you Sir, if you will help in this way. I feel sure that he has the nodal support of all ex-service men in Ewo, Tai-koo—and everywhere—and most certainly, I think, of all my cherry co-diners (service and ex-service) on Armistice night at "the Hongkong."

Yours, etc.

Hongkong, 16th Nov. 1921.

[To "Tyres"—We cannot see our way to publish your letter. As we think the matter of membership of the British Legion in Hongkong has been sufficiently well ventilated we have decided to close the correspondence in our columns.—Ed. H.K.T.]

ROUND THE TOWN.

By "Gadabout."

Why is it, I wonder, that Hongkong sets itself a different standard from almost every other place on the face of the Earth? "East is East and West is West" we know, but this Colony is not even like other places in the East. Why should it be customary here to give the boy a tip every time he brings you a drink; it is not done in other places? It is not done in Siam, the F.M.S., the Straits Settlements, Australia or England, I know, and I don't suppose it is done anywhere else. When I asked a Scot if it were customary to give a cumshaw to the man who brings a drink in the land of the heather, he was so surprised at the idea that he forgot himself so far as to tender a five-cent piece to the boy who had just brought his whisky. And if you don't dish out the cumshaw pretty freely in some of the local hotels it's a long time you have to wait the next time you go in for a refresher. A friend of mine was in a certain hotel the other day. The first time the boy came along he tipped him and the second time, as he picked up his change, the boy calmly handed out the tray to him with a mute invitation to give another ten cents. Don't the boys in the Colony's hotels get a living wage? There should be enough profit made on the refreshments sold, and if there is not, then stick on another few cents and pay the boys more, but anyway, cut out this tipping business.

To tell the truth, I had become so used to the everlasting cumshaw game that I had failed to see anything unusual in it until a friend pointed it out to me. Living in the East for some time you are apt to forget the ways of the West very quickly. It is so easy to fall into line out here and it is always interesting to watch new-comers and notice the change that comes over them day by day. The griffin arrives, clear eyes and rosy cheeks, with a healthy complexion such as only the variable climate of our Isles can produce. He is out for three years, at the end of which time he is going home to get married or do some other rash and foolish thing. He really only comes out to save up enough to buy the furniture, but he doesn't save a cent and, of course, he never settles down at home again. But that doesn't matter. He thinks he is going home and he makes up his mind that he is not going to fall too much into Eastern ways. The first day he won't let anyone carry his bag and he gently but firmly tells everybody that he is not going to be waited on hand, foot and finger by any boy. Then, every day brings some little change. He gets the richsha habit and if he has to walk a few hundred yards up the hill he begins to think that after all the chairs have their uses. Then he hasn't the energy to fold his serviette and in the end he can't push in his chair at the conclusion of a meal. Yes, with all the East's disadvantages, most of us will miss many little things when we go home and a few months' leave every so many years are all the home most of us want when we eventually get there and see things as they really are.

People were flabbergasted when a man got up in a theatre full of people, shot one of the actors on the stage and, making his way out through one of the exits, was never seen again, or, perhaps I should say, was never brought to justice. But the latest criminal exploit is ever more startling. At a time when the streets were crowded with pedestrians and others a number of men boarded a tram-car, stopped it, robbed one of the passengers and they, too, made good their escape. It sounds incredible and if such an episode were embodied in a film most people would immediately proclaim it as ridiculous. But here we have it just outside our doors, so to speak, and from the reports it appears that the miscreants have a good chance of getting away with it. The police can't be blamed. These things are not always as they appear to an outsider, and even in such cases as these it is not always an easy matter for the defenders of law and order, who are a fine body of men, to get hold of the right men. That the police do a great deal of good work is shown by the large number of cases dealt with at the local Courts day by day. I nearly always read the Police

Court news; there is often quite a lot of unconscious humour in it. A man was up the other day for some offence or other and the Magistrate fined him \$25. The Inspector mentioned previous convictions and the twenty-five "bucks" was increased to thirty. Then the man complained that he was out of employment and the Magistrate washed out the five and found him a job for three weeks.

ALMOST A HUSBAND.

Highly Original Picture at the Coronet.

Next to common sense the most uncommon thing in the world is originality, especially the kind that finds expression in "Almost a Husband." Smiling Will Rogers' delightful new comedy now showing at the Coronet Theatre. This picture is perhaps the most original that has ever been shown on the screen, a broad statement that you can readily prove for yourself. In "Almost a Husband" the inimitable comedian has a picture after his own heart, that is to say he has a picture affording him full opportunity to create a humorous effect in the simplest manner possible. Lovable and unaffected, Will Rogers is human above everything else. As the Vermont school teacher who settles down in a sleepy Arkansas town, marries its richest daughter in a game of "forfeits," and gallantly goes his way alone—that she may not be burdened with such a homely husband, he makes the character direct and true, his quaint sense of humour finding fresh outlet in every situation. The story is not dramatic but it is remarkably rich in comedy and atmosphere. An excellent cast supports the star. A great picture full of rich humanity and teaching a happy philosophy.

RICH TIN DISCOVERY.

A Prospector's Luck.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, November 16th. A prospector at Paria Caves has discovered a rich tin deposit at a depth of one thousand feet. A coolie is able to win nearly a picul of ore daily.

TRADE DELEGATE'S DEATH.

A Sad Incident.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, November 16th. Mr. Alex. Morrison, a member of the San Francisco trade delegation, has died on board the Empire State, Pneumonia was contracted soon after leaving Hongkong. The body is being embalmed and taken to America on the Croco State. Mrs. Morrison is a member of the party.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

According to the *Singapore Journal of Commerce*, the local authorities have received instructions from the Chinese Ministry of Education that no new students are to be permitted to go abroad for the time being. This evidently refers to government supported, not private students and is another sign of Peking's bankruptcy.—N.C.D.N.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

We had a kind of mild excitement in Kowloon last night. It's a joss joss way. The night I got home early hoping to get a nice lie back is sure to be the time when there's most doing. The first, it started at the back of Humphrey's block on Nathan Road and certainly at first it was a good healthy start. Speaking later on in the evening to a policeman, he said it was just a few sticks and nothing worth talking about. Quite so. Come to think of it, every fire starts the same way. It's the way it finishes that matters most anyway.

We had a good view of it from our verandah. The opening chorus was mostly police whistles but one musical sonavox came in every now and then with a motor horn. Man, there's some shop in this Colony must do a very big trade in them whistles. Our boy he seemed to have a kind of sixth sense for you kind of disturbance for he bolted on to the verandah right in the middle of dishing out the coffee. At first I thought he'd finally made up his mind to do away with himself and as I wasn't very keen on the motor ambulance purring round our door, I followed him in the faint hope that I'd be over late to keep him from throwing himself into the street. But as I said before it was my unlucky night. Like a flash, back he rolled into the dining room with his eyeballs hanging out on his cheeks and before ye could say knife, he produced a pukka bobbie's whistle and without as much as seeing if it was in key, he lashed himself into a tune that had only one note and a sustained note at that. I think I hear it yet. Just as I was pushing the instrument down his throat I saw the fire over his shoulder. Janet gave a kind of shriek and she yin promptly asked if she'd have a holiday from the school in the morning, which is what I call presence of mind, if nothing else.

This was at twenty minutes to nine. As I looked over the verandah I could see the cookboy turning the corner, heading Yamsai way. At the rate he was travelling, if he kept it up, I reckon he'd be due in Peking now. Just as I was pushing the instrument down his throat I saw him go so fast before—except with the butter.

houses. Janet she began to get on to me for no insuring our furniture. Ay, she'd been telling me about it for years and there ye see anything's liable to happen at anytime. Ye'd have thought by the way she went on that I'd started the fire myself. So I had to be firm and tell her to content herself and let other folks enjoy themselves when they got a chance.

At twelve minutes to nine two wandered-looking firemen and a barrow came round our street looking like they'd lost a shilling and found a sixpence. Finally they disappeared and in about another minute I could hear the motor fire engine on the job and before long the water was turned on.

Mind ye, I'm no blaming the engines for being so long in being on the spot. On the street afterwards I heard one man tell another that he was among the first to make for the telephone and couldn't get exchange! But mind ye that's only hearsay. The same man said that exactly the same thing happened the Saturday the Mule Stables went on fire. All I've got to say is that if some of you Whistling Rufuses had run down to the Fire Station instead of trying to dislodge their front teeth you way, the engines would have been there sooner than they were. It's all very easy to criticise but we canna expect our Kowloon firemen to be thought-readers and ready to jump whenever some fire-raising cooils takes it into his head to perform.

All the same though, I've seen you we red fire pillar-boxes with a glass nice and handy to break which they tell me is one of the quickest ways of rustling out a fire fighting force. But then again such would mean money and we couldn't expect the Government to spend any more on Kowloon just now. Of course, we pay the same rate o' taxes in Kowloon but that's a mere bagatelle. We canna look for everything at once. What between the promise o' a Hospital and very near getting enough water in the mornings to bath wi', we haven't much left to grumble at. Still and on, when ye come to think of it there's no much use o' fancy fire engines on the Peninsula if there's no sure way o' giving the station lads the tip when they're needed. It might so happen that the next fire will be out of easy reach—ridin' distance. That's the worst of Kowloon. It's so suburban, you know.

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BRITISH LEGION RALLY.

Earl Haig's Call for Unity.

A Grand Rally of the Edinburgh Branches of the British Legion was held in the Synod Hall recently, when the chair was occupied by the President, Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

In introducing Lord Haig, Col. Sir William Stewart, Dick Cunyngnam, Bart., President of the British Legion in Scotland, said that they welcomed him as the foremost Scotsman of the day. His lordship would shortly be residing at the ancient home of the Haigs, presented to him by his grateful fellow-countrymen. (Applause.)

Earl Haig, who was received with much cheering, said that when he returned from France in the Spring of 1919, he found several admirable ex-Service men's societies in existence, but all were squabbling with one another, and the politicians were able to play off the opinions of one against the opinions of another. Consequently the cause of their comrades suffered. It seemed to him that the only solution was to unite and form one large organization to include all ex-Service men. So he preached unity, and for nearly three years he had been preaching unity, he was glad to say with some success. (Cheers.) Four of the largest organizations decided to come together, and that was the origin of the British Legion. They wanted all ex-Service men to unite and pull on the same end of the rope for the benefit of those of their comrades who were in distress and difficulty. They could then put forward their claims in such a manner that no Government could refuse them. They must press their claims on the nation. They merely ask for justice to those who had given their all. (Cheers.)

There were 553,000 ex-Service men out of work and 1,200,000 disabled men to be cared for. There were 170,000 widows and 18,000 motherless children. There were also 400,000 other dependents to be looked after. In support of his contention that their claims were reasonable his lordship examined the constructive programme of the British Legion. In order to attain the objects therein set forth they must gain the confidence of the community as a whole and show their fellow-citizens that they wanted only what was just and reasonable, and were a body of men to be trusted. To forget was a common failing. (Cheers.) When the war ended £20,500,000 were promised for industrial training for disabled men. Only £5,000,000 had been spent. Five and a half millions were promised for broken apprenticeships; only £1,000,000 had been spent. Twenty-three millions were promised for the settlement of ex-Service men on the land; to-day more than 14,000 men who had completed their training under the agricultural scheme were waiting for land to settle on. Men who were waiting for training were told that they must wait at least two years to get any land to work. Of the £23,000,000 promised only £7,000,000 had been spent. One million was promised for overseas settlement; only £55,000 had been spent.

A fortnight ago the British Legion had to pay the railway fares of 200 unemployed men who went to France to work on the railways. Those fares were a reasonable and proper charge against the Treasury, but they would not have it. ("Shame!") Earl Haig: "I think it is red tape and ignorance. (Laughter and cheers) £50,000 a month had been spent in helping men, widows, orphans, and other dependents, but the problem was so immense that it could be solved only on a national, he might almost say in an imperial, spirit. (Cheers.)

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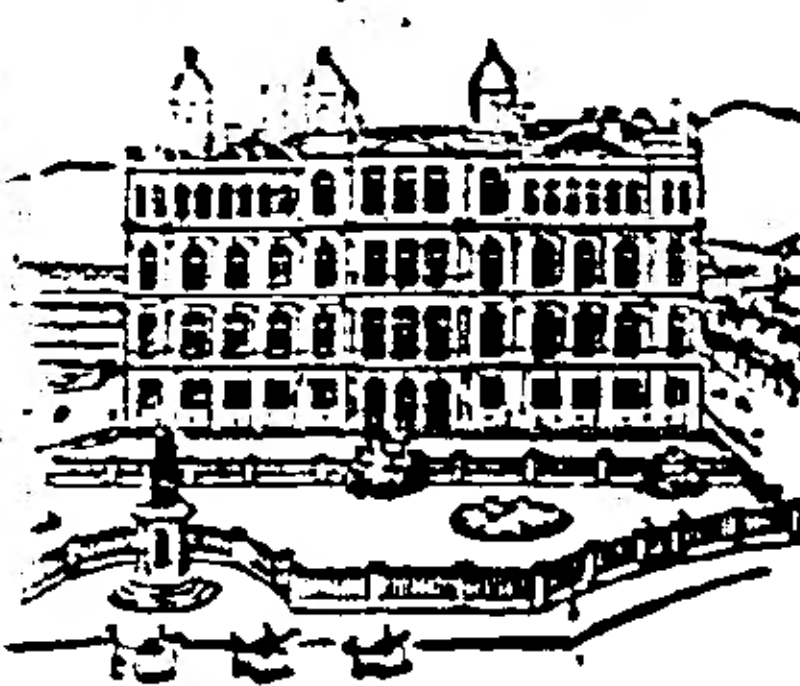
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St. John's Hall Concert.

The last of the series of Hotel concerts was held in St. John's Hall on Monday, Nov. 14th at 8 p.m. Amongst those present were the bishop of the Diocese, Sir William and Lady Brunsford, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Knight, Professor and Mrs. Middleton Smith.

The Hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and flags, the pillars and doorways being wreathed with greenery, and the entrance illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The whole effect reflected great credit on Mr. Wong Ping Kwan who had charge of the work.

In his opening remarks the Chairman, Mr. Choo Shiu Kim, expressed the great pleasure it gave them to welcome so many guests to their own Hall, and thanked, in advance those artists who had so kindly come to assist.

The most striking features of the performance were the two sketches, one in English and one in Chinese, produced by the Students of the Hall. The English sketch, written by Mr. Poon Jack Quai, was under the direction of Mr. Ngan Shai Leung, who took a leading part in "The Gods of the Mountains" produced by the University in 1930, and was very well received. But it was even surpassed by the Chinese Farce "Concerning Themselves" with which the second part of the programme opened. Written by Dr. Hu Shi, of Shanghai, the plot deals with the ways of a girl who does not wish to marry the man of her parents' choice. The acting was wonderfully finished, so much so that even those who knew no Chinese were able to follow the story with the greatest of ease. The shorter items were impartially divided between Chinese

"BETRAYED."

Interesting Picture at the World.

The star film at the World Theatre is a five-part drama entitled "Betrayed." It is a story of adventure on the frontier of America and Mexico, with plenty of go, well-acted, well-staged, and with plenty of romance and a touch of humour. There is excitement galore and not a dull moment all the way through. The story centres around a coquette whose affection changes from her lover Pepo to a bandit who raids her home. Later she changes again, the object of her affections this time being a young American officer who is searching for the bandit. The girl schemes with the America, to catch the bandit, but the rider discovers the plot and, when they go out, forces her to wear his hat and coat. By this means the American mistakes his lover for the bandit and shoots her. After many adventures, Pepo, the first lover, captures the bandit, claims the reward and the pair live happily ever after.

Other films are the Pathe News and a couple of good comedies. At the matinee two further episodes of "King of the Juncos," featuring Eddie Polo are being screened.

and Western music, the instrumental contributions by Mr. Bowes Smith (piano) and Mr. Ramon Alberto (violin) were much appreciated.

In the Guitar Trio by Messrs. Ho Lau Tong, Lau Sung Sam, and Lam Sui Pui there was an opportunity of hearing Chinese music at its best. And the swinging of the illuminated clubs by Mr. Yang Keng Tok pleased the eye as much as the music pleased the ear.

Strange Fashions to Offset Severity.

The dressmakers have not had an easy time of it this season. They undertook to wage battle with the public. Battles, even without bloodshed, do not make life simple.

The dressmakers knew this fact. They are shrewd and canny. They are not creatures of accident, but they are creatures of power, therefore they plan campaigns, they arrange maps of progress, they go by sign-posts. And those sign-posts are written by the public, not the dressmakers. They are, in reality, signs of the whimsical paths which

that left nothing but the finger-nails visible.

To all their arguments for nudity and brevity the Paris dressmaker has replied with definiteness: "It is not possible. Surely you cannot be so stupid as to ruin the model. The gown is designed on long lines. Cut off the sleeves, shorten the skirt, and what do you do? You have something terrible. It cannot be. It must not come from this house. We are artists. We design a whole picture. It cannot be cut into little parts. You must wear long skirts and long sleeves.

modify them. Our women are not artists in mass. There are too many millions of them to wear exactly the same thing. We take our inspiration from France and, so Paris says, destroys that inspiration as fast as she can. The average woman knows little of the rue de la Paix, the Place Vendôme and the Champs Elysees.

SPLENDID ACCESSORIES ADORN MODESTY.

Because women are to be demure in their clothing there is no reason to suppose that they are to be in the garb of nuns or Quakers. Mary Stuart did not dress like Semiramis, but she was not the picture of a nun. Catherine de Medici could not be mistaken for a Quaker, yet she cut her gowns so high in the neck that the collar reached to her ears and her feet were never seen in public.

The public need not expect a demure appearance, therefore, in the women of the hour. They will not be dressed in black, like a funeral procession, but their bodies will be covered. Their clothes will not end before they begin, and there will be something tangible between the flesh and the frock. A pair of chiffon bloomers and a crepe-de-Chine bathing suit will not constitute a street costume.

A woman may continue to wear stockings which are intended to fool the public into the belief that she does not wear stockings, but she will have so little chance of showing them that she may cease to give six dollars a pair. Their price was governed by their public appearance. Now that they will not be seen, they may drop to the comfortable old price of a dollar a pair.

The gowns in this era of modesty are works of art. They are no longer shreds and patches of ungarnished material. They are as full of colour as a Turner sunset. Like the ancients, the dressmakers have gone to the heavens for inspiration.

Not content with coloured surfaces the dressmakers are adding jewels and embroidery and using brocade that are as soft and marvelous in their colouring as Chinese art. Added to this type of brilliancy they use splendid accessories that attract attention to the gown.

Among these are the bracelet sleeve, the separate sleeve, the embroidery of small shells, the lace pantalettes, the lace trousers, the twelve-inch belts of leather, unvarnished, that are girded around the figure at the end of the spine.

There are other accessories that are equally venturesome. There is the scarf that turns an evening gown into one for the street. There is the sleeve that is tied above the elbow and hangs to the knees, there is the bow of black moire ribbon fastened on one bare shoulder with two streamers, one front and one back, floating to the floor.

There are square trousers of dark coloured satin that reach to the ankle worn under coloured tulle gowns that reach to the instep, there is the balayouse of pleated muslin or lace placed at the hem of six-yard skirts. In its former day of glory it was accompanied by a pair of square

Callot evening frock of pale green and gold brocade, trimmed with gold embroidery which forms the girdle. Large pearl ornament in front of girdle.

grace and dignity of those worn in Athens when she was showing the world what a Republic could be.

The purity of the Greek style does not contribute as much modesty to the scene as gowns of other epochs. The leg is apt to show in front or at the side, and the arms and shoulders are bare, but the simplicity of the gown is appealing. Worth contributes some remarkably lovely gowns of this type. It is pre-eminently

provided fans for some of the Italian war debt. When in his salons one feels as if a magic carpet had carried one to Florence and the other to Arno. Even his gown called "Odella" has coral on it. "Would she have worn it?"

FASHION NOTES.

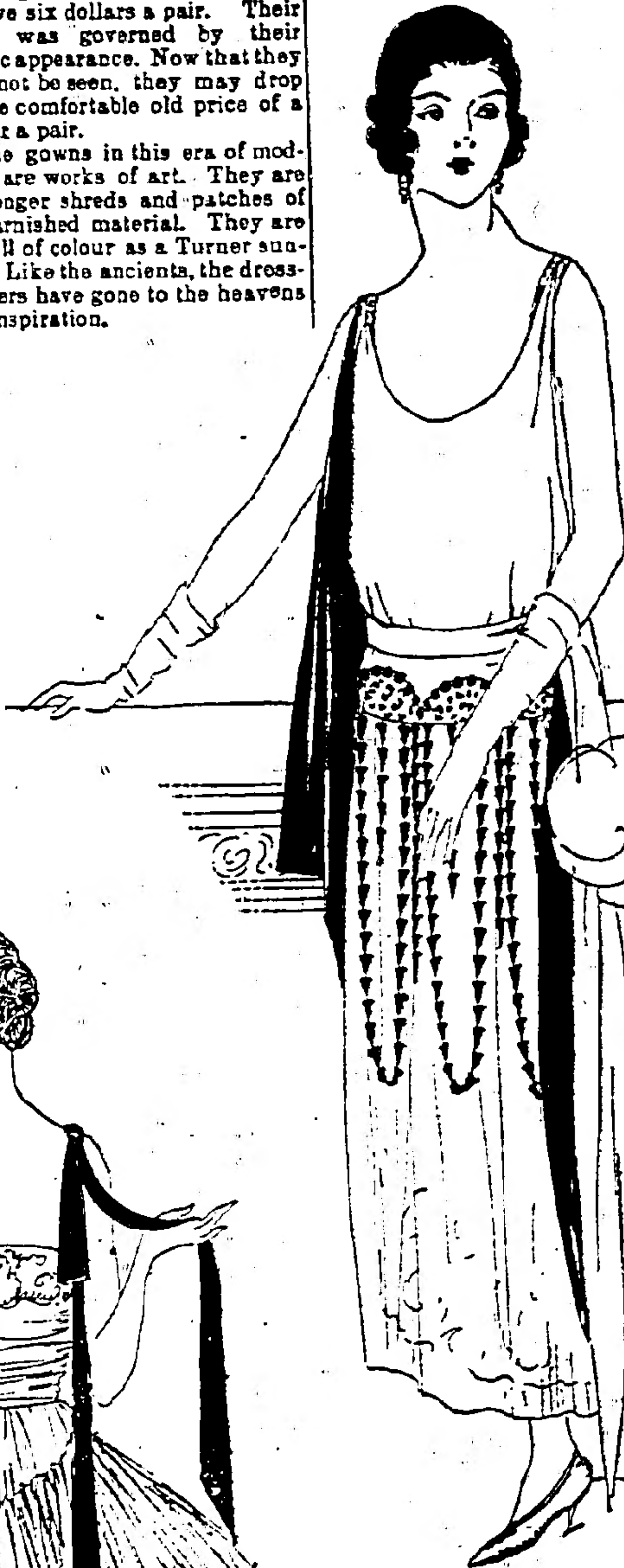
Flashes of Colour.

Autumn materials show beautiful colours; silks, taffetas, crepe de chine, crepe satin, crepe

Another way of producing effects, is by the use of ribbons. You can frill it, quill it, loop it, tie it in bows, in knots, and drape it in sashes. Varnished, embroidered, piped and figured, all ribbon, no matter of what kind, is girt to the mill. On some frocks, the effect is most happy.

FASHIONS FOR EVENING WEAR.

Specially designed for tall, slim, dark, and graceful women a leading designer has created a series of robes which have



the public take in its course from the cradle to the grave.

Sometimes these sign-posts point the way to severity, as they did during the war; again, they point the way to license with a touch of debauchery; or they may point the way to religious manners, to the morals of the cloister, or the economy of those who continually dwell in the middle places of life.

The reason these sign-posts have power with those who follow the paths is that human nature continually changes its external, never its fundamentals, and those who must live by the whim of the public must read the signs of its mind, its desires, and its spiritual twisting and turning.

Possibly the dressmakers are the handmaidens of the public. Who knows? Those who deal with them believe otherwise. They believe that their power comes from the alliance of artistic perception with a keen knowledge of human nature. When they see women going in a certain direction, they follow, but not afar off. They sense the direction and represent it so quickly by a turn in fashion that the vast majority consider them leaders, not followers.

NEW ROAD LEADS TO MODESTY. The trend toward modesty is appalling to certain minds. They scream aloud, the women who have these minds, in their realization of what clothes will mean before next Spring.

The dressmakers are definite in their opinions. They talk to women as though they were martial soldiers into battle. They refuse to turn up the hems of skirts, unless they are good-natured dressmakers who are too bewildered by the mass of people with whom they must deal, to speak with authority.

Many women have been defeated in Paris this autumn. They have stood in the ubiquitous grey salons and fought for the knee-length skirts and ball-gowns, pleaded in vain. They have come out of these salons with skirts



Blue and gold brocade with girdle ending in train at the side. Mauve tulle is draped over one shoulder, and purple flowers fall from the girdle.

pantalettes of starched white cambric, and knowing this, the well-known artists in dress have contributed the lace pantalettes to the wide-skirt with its lace dust ruffle, as it was once called. There are a few definite features that the woman of fashion must follow, but the rest is chaos.

AN ATTEMPT TO RETAIN CLASSIC LINES.

No one can regard fashion as a whole and insist that the Second Empire and gorgeous mediaeval rules all. There is a strong undercurrent of feeling for the Greek line. Designers like Molyneux, Worth, Callot, insist upon showing gowns that have the

kind of thing the house does with distinction. He has forsaken the ubiquitous black velvet gown with its rhinestone ornamentation. He had adopted the sunset colours along with the rest of the world. If he makes a black gown in the Greek style, such as he has done, using crepe de Chine instead of velvet, he puts a flat panel of brilliant beads down the front, ending in fringe, and he accentuates the back of the cape with the same embroidery.

He has also made a success with a gown which he calls "The Flame". It was shown to the buyers in August and is not new.

This gown is in flaming chiffon and pale tan crepe with the embroidery done with coral beads. Worth uses enough coral beads on his many gowns to have

gabardine, and gabardine-de-soie, in brilliant colours, embroidered or plain, are being made up into the most desirable frocks for every occasion in town or country.

For the morning walk tailor-mades are brightened by millinery, by trimming, or by the vivid note of colour which comes from a blouse or a lining. A suit of black, with a plain skirt, and a loose-fitting short sacque coat has the bell sleeves embroidered in carnation red. Though embroidery is not holding the place it did in the beginning of the year, it is still used extensively for sleeves and sleeves only.

In black serge frocks, there are red flashes obtained by slashing, either in the sleeves, or somewhere in the tunic, or by the introduction of a red waistcoat.

attracted a good deal of attention. They are of clinging materials with novel and beautifully embroidered sleeves, usually bell shaped or slit up either in the front or back of the arm. Some of the evening gowns of this kind are characterised by a transparency even more daring than the extremely décolleté style which has now passed out of fashion.

Many of the gowns this season are direct descendants of all sorts of amusing and lovely far-off and foreign ancestors. To-night, you may look, in a bouffant and paniered creation in rose-coloured taffetas, exactly like a contemporary of Marie Antoinette; to-morrow, you are not the same person, and walk in long swathing folds of muslin satin, Oriental folds harem-wise about your ankles.

Gold laces make many very exquisite gowns, one of gold and silver lace combined, a brotherhood which looks more successful than it sounds. This has a border of the gold lace, sleeveless, but not very low. The gold tunic has a seven-inch hem in heavy silver guipure, of which the little tight underskirt is made. The short sash of mingled gold and silver, these have heavily fringed ends.

TWO EVENING GOWNS FROM WORTH.

On the left is a tan and coral combination trimmed with coral beads with narrow gold braid across the shoulders.

On the right is a black crepe de chine with skirt longer at one side trimmed with bright-coloured bead embroidery.

And so it is. They are artists. Callot's green tulle frock Paris continues to dictate the trimmed with black lace and black ribbon. And we continue to

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CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Several Interesting Items Discussed.

At a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday presided over by the Hon. Lau Chu-pak, in addition to the question of a projected exhibition in Hongkong which is reported elsewhere, several interesting items were discussed.

Dispute in Rattan Trade.

Three letters sent to the Chamber by Hongkong rattan chair dealers and their employees, were read, expressing thanks for the successful arbitration of the Chamber in a wage dispute between the employers and employed. It was stated by the Chairman that the rattan workers consisted of two classes, packers and chair makers. Some time ago they presented a petition to their employers demanding a uniform 35 per cent increase of pay. In the case of the packers whose work was of a more strenuous nature than the chairmakers, the employers were prepared to accede to the demand, intending to meet the increased salaries of their folk by raising the price of rattan, but with regard to the chair makers the offer which the employers made was 25 per cent increase. This the chair makers refused to accept and stopped work for about a week. After some deliberation on either side the chairmakers and their employers decided to let the difference go into arbitration to be carried out by the Chamber of Commerce. After a good deal of labour the Secretary of the Chamber, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, succeeded in reconciling both the chair makers and the packers to accept 25 per cent increase. The chair makers had since resumed work.

Broken Agreement.

A business dispute was the next item dealt with by the Chairman. It related, he said to an agreement which was signed at the Chamber of Commerce by the Fishmongers' Guild representatives and proxies of the guild of employees of hotels and eating houses. It was laid down in the agreement, which was made in consequence of the recent protracted dispute over commission between the two guilds that business done by restaurants and hotels with fish stallholders in the markets should in future be transacted on a two per cent discount basis to the advantage of the purchasers. For some unknown reasons, said the Chairman, the To Sin Kook restaurant and the To Sin hotel had refused to stick to the agreement and insisted that three per cent discount should be granted. The Fishmongers' Guild had written to the Chamber and at their request the Secretary had sent a letter to the hotel and restaurant in question, reproaching them for breaking the principles of business and the agreement. No reply had been received.

A Scandalous Procedure.

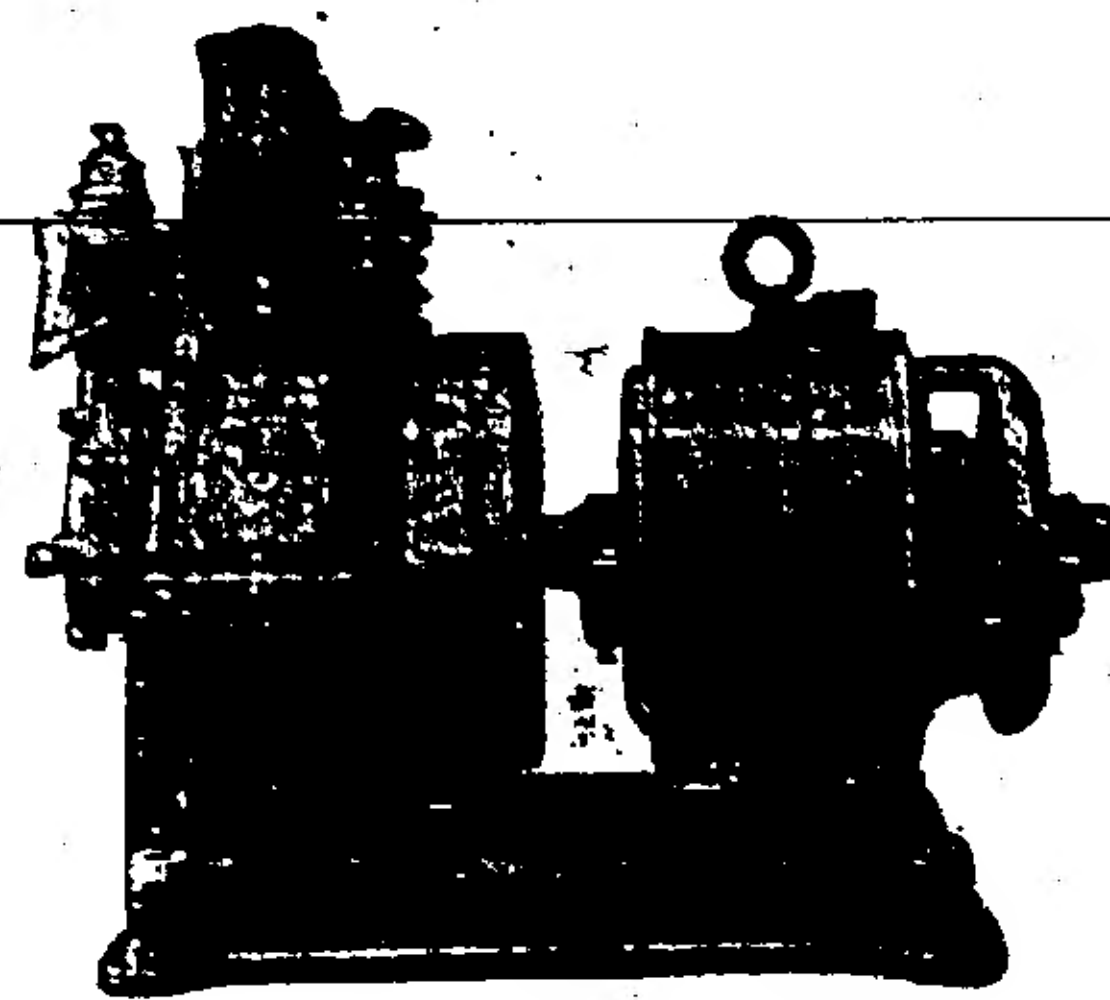
A scandalous business malpractice, said the Chairman, had been adopted by some members of the Chinese business element and that was transferring a shop to another man as a means of throwing off liability as regards debts. Complaints had been received from two Chinese firms about the matter. There were some businessmen in the Colony who, finding their business declining, began to contract big loans and ordered a large amount of goods on the strength of their shops. Without notifying their creditors they secretly sold their business to other people, who, when approached by the creditors of the shop for settlement of accounts, denied liability saying they were the new owners and had not had any dealings with them. The Chamber had discussed the matter previously and it was their duty to request the Government to make a law to stop this fraudulent practice. They heard of this malpractice last year, but this year the number of people victimised was greater than that in the previous year.

Suggestions on the matter were invited. There being no response Mr. Lau Chu-pak proposed that the Government be requested to make a law to put an end to this procedure. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Gambling House Story.

The Chamber of Commerce in Po On district sought the assistance of the Chamber to prevail upon the authorities of Po On district to release a house in Shum Chun which had been closed by the Chinese Government. The house in question, said Mr. Lau Chu-pak, was recently rented by a military officer who (according

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to the letter received by the Hongkong Chamber) was found by the authorities to be using the house for gambling purposes. The closing of the house by the Government affected only the landlord who was not allowed to let his house again. In consequence of the communication from the Po On district Chamber of Commerce the local Chamber had written to the Canton Government and a reply had been received, intimating that orders had been given to the officials of Po On district to carry out thorough investigations.

Kowloon Dock Dispute.

The onerous task of effecting a settlement of a difference between a section of the Chinese workmen employed at the Kowloon Dock and some contractors had been entrusted to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce by the latter. The trouble which originated at a contractor's shop over a trivial matter developed seriously and the police had been asked by the contractors for protection as several of them had been intimidated by the dock workmen since the beginning of the trouble. A short while ago, said the Chairman, a party of workmen of the dock went to a contractor's shop and quarrelled with the contractor. A European visitor who happened to be in the shop took a hand in turning out the quarrelsome workmen. Incensed at the interference of the contractor's foreign friend the workmen were alleged to have threatened some of the contractors. The Chairman considered that the best course open to them was to resort to law. Those present agreed.

Famine Echoes.

Reference was made to an appeal received by the Chamber from the administrator of the province of Soochow, soliciting monetary contributions for the relief of a large number of the population there who were now suffering from severe hardships. Famine had broken out and about a million Chinese were now faced with starvation. Similar appeals had also been received from the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh where it was stated many people were in distress. The Chairman said that as long as the present chaotic condition existed in China, and the present inter-province strife continued the people would suffer because the present disturbed state of the country and the prevalence of lawlessness combined to make it impossible for the people to settle down comfortably in their own homes, and carry out their pursuits without fear of sudden molestation and other unpleasant happenings. Instances of the recurrent nature of this kind of distress were the appeals for funds which were sent to Hongkong Chinese last year from the North. Shortly after, Kwangtung asked for help for the relief of those who had lost their homes and money as a result of the destruction wrought by soldiery occupying or passing through their villages. On the Chairman's suggestion, it was decided to refer the appeals from Soochow, Hunan and Hupeh to the Tung Wah Hospital which had hitherto been used as the place where matters of this description were discussed and dealt with.

American Trade Delegates.

The last item of moment was the question as to whether the Chamber should give a tea-party or a dinner in honour of the American trade delegates when they arrived in Hongkong on their return to America. Mr. Lau Chu-pak stated that when the trade delegates arrived here some time ago—on a Saturday—the shipping company at which the travellers booked their passage, informed the Chamber of Commerce that the trade delegation wished to speak to some of the Chinese merchants and that they would leave Hongkong on Monday. The Secretary of the Chamber replied that owing to the short space of time at their disposal the Chinese Chamber of Commerce regretted they could not arrange any entertainment in honour of the travellers. Therefore it was now proposed to entertain the American trade delegation when they touched at Hongkong on their way home. They were at present in the Dutch Indies, said the Chairman.

It was decided to entertain the Americans at a tea-party. The following were appointed to make the arrangements, to select a place and to appoint a date a date after the arrival of the trade delegation: Messrs R. H. Kotewall, Ip Lan-chuen, Wong Kwong-tin, Li Po-wai, Chow Shou-sen and Chan Harr.

The meeting then terminated.

GOLF.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith	93	12	81
Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Pearce	87	6	81
Mr. and Mrs. Bean	103	17	86
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Humphreys	106	20	86
Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Morgan	95	9	87
Bogey Pool:			
Major H. G. Bagnall, R.E.A.	2	up	
R. M. Smith	1	up	
J. Hooper	1	down	
A. Leach	1	down	
F. A. Redmond	1	down	

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Government House v. Butterfield and Swire.
China Sugar Refinery Co. v. R.A. International Banking Corporation v. Education Dept.

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Government Civil Hospital v. Observatory.
Ryes: H.M.S. Curlew, Prison Dept., Jardine Matheson and Co.

CHINESE RADICALS ON THE INCREASE.
Chinese government detectives have reported to their superiors that "Radicals and Communists in Shanghai are very active, and 30,000 members have joined within the past two weeks," states a Chinese news agency.

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A copy of this Prospectus in English and Chinese has been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription list will open on 15th day of November, 1921,
and will close on or before 15th day of December, 1921.

THE HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921.)

SHARE CAPITAL \$1,000,000.00

Divided into 100,000 ordinary shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 18,710 are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as hereinafter mentioned,
56,290 of the remaining shares are now offered for public subscription, payable as follows:

\$5 per share on Application. \$5 per share on Allotment

It is not proposed to issue the balance of 25,000 shares until it shall appear necessary or advisable
to do so (in the interests of the Company), and for the purpose of the further development of the
Company's undertaking.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK, Gentleman, Caine Road, Hongkong.
W. A. DOWLE, Exchange and Bullion Broker, Room 6, Post Office Buildings, Hongkong.
M. CHAN J. A. H. Managing Director, Sincere Company, Limited, Hongkong.
HO JACK LUM, Partner, Kwong Sang Lee, Hongkong.
W. M. HUMPHREYS, Partner, W. G. Humphreys & Co., 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

BANKERS

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,
Bank of China.

SOLICITORS:—Wilkinson and Grist. AUDITORS:—Percy Smith Seth and Fleming.
SECRETARY:—Sydney Humphreys. REGISTERED OFFICE:—5, Duddell Street.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Object.—This Company has been formed to purchase as a going concern the business known as
the Humphreys Hide and Leather Works, carried on by the firm of W. G. Humphreys and
Company of No. 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Business.—The business comprises the manufacture of all kinds of Leather and the dealing in
of hides and skins, and of all descriptions of goods and merchandise incidental to the business of such
nature, and is carried on upon extensive, well-built, commodious, and modern premises situated at Ma
Tau Kok, Kowloon, on Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 1267 and 640, which contain

Premises at an area of 110,942 square feet, held under a Crown Lease for 75 years with an
option of a further 75 years from the 18th day of December, 1911, subject to a
Crown rent of \$506.00 per annum. These premises are within the Offensive Trade Area as defined by
the Sanitary Authority and a Licence has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of
a Tannery in all respects thereon.

Site.—The Site is ideal for the purposes of the business, its area is ample for any future exten-
sions that may be necessary, it is situated on the main road between Hek Un and Kowloon City, and
is in close proximity to the sea front.

Buildings.—The extensive buildings erected on the Property are constructed of the best solid
brick and concrete with tiled roofs, and concrete pits and floor: this type of construction ensures a low
rate of Insurance against Fire.

Machinery and Motive Power.—The Tannery is equipped with the most up to date Hide
and Leather working machinery. The motive power is supplied by a 100 H. P. Crude Oil Bolinder
Engine with Generator direct connected, the various processes in the Tannery being operated by
separate Electric drives from individual Motors.

Water Supply.—There is an independent supply of water from a specially constructed Well on
the premises which is ample and suitable for the business.

Labour.—A plentiful and healthy supply of cheap country labour both male and female is al-
ways obtainable. The expansion of the business will therefore provide employment to a large number
of Chinese labourers whose increased efficiency and development is in itself sufficient to commend this
undertaking to all those who have the interests of Chinese and British trade at heart. From the fore-
going facts it is asserted that from its equipment and position the Tannery has few equals.

Purposes of Formation.—The Reasons of the Vendors in turning the business into a limited
liability Company, are:—(a) To procure the necessary additional Capital required, in order to meet the
increasing demand for their Leather. (b) To further develop the business along sound progressive lines.

TERMS OF PURCHASE.

The premises are sold to the Company subject to a charge to the Mortgagees to secure \$300,000 at
an interest of 7 per cent per annum. The Mortgagees stipulate that \$180,000 shall be repaid by the
Company at an early date and consent to the balance remaining on loan. If as is anticipated the shares
now offered to the public are fully subscribed it is proposed to pay off the whole debt forthwith.

Valuation of Property.—Hereunder are set forth at conservative figures the value of the
property purchased by the Company and upon which the Vendors have based the purchase price.

Land (K.L.L. 1267 and 640=110,942 sq. feet) and Buildings thereon as valued by	\$ 300,505.00
J. Cae Clark, Architect and Surveyor	
Machinery and Plant as valued by Robt. Hunter, of Macdonald & Co., Engineers	120,779.11
Stock of Hides, Leather, Chemicals and Materials etc., as per valuation by	
S. Humphreys and certified by Edmund McGrath, Tanner, less amounts due as	
shown by the books	65,821.05
	\$ 487,105.16

No charge for Goodwill, etc.—In as much as the undertaking is a comparatively new one,
the Vendors present to the Company the goodwill of the business and the trade marks and shops
relating to their goods, which are already well known and growing in popularity rapidly.

The Vendors also claim no recompense for approximately 2 years of careful experimental work, as a
result of which climatic and other difficulties have been overcome, the types of Leather most suited
to the Chinese market gauged, and exact manufacturing cost ascertained.

APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL.

The capital of \$562,500 to be provided by the present issue of 56,290 shares, now offered for public
subscription, is intended as regards \$262,500:

(a) To provide for the extension of the drying accommodation of Tannery.
(b) For the purpose of providing further working capital in order to finance the rapidly
increasing business.

The balance will be devoted to paying off the existing loan of \$300,000 upon the security of the
Property.

Dividends.—It is provided by the Articles of Association that a preferential dividend of 10% per
annum be paid to shareholders before any appropriation of profits is made by the Directors to the
Reserve Fund.

Contract.—The following contract has been entered into:
Contract dated the 10th day of November 1921 between W. G. Humphreys & Co., of 5, Duddell
Street, Hongkong, Merchants, the owners of the properties of the one part, and Charles David Wilkinson on
behalf of the Company of the other part for the sale of the business and the leasehold property registered in
the Land Office as Kowloon Island Lots 640 and 1237 together with all messuages tenements fixtures
erections and buildings erected thereon.

The purchase price for the sale of the properties has been fixed by the vendors who are the promoters
of the Company at \$487,100, nothing being charged for the goodwill. Of this sum \$300,000 will be
payable to the Mortgagees for the purpose of paying off a loan of that amount advanced to the Vendors
on the security of the properties, and the balance of \$187,100 will be paid and satisfied by the allotment
of 18,710 ordinary shares credited as fully paid up.

Confidence of the Vendors.—That the Vendors themselves have

Shipping to Europe, Australia, and other Ports.

P. & O. - BRITISH INDIA, APCAR AND EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN LINES.

(COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

TRAITS & BURMA, CEYLON, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF, WEST INDIES, MADAGASCAR, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND & OUTPOST PORTS, RED SEA, EGYPT, KURILE, ETC.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
NYANZA	7,000	25 Nov. 11 a.m.	M'Isa, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	5,300	6th Dec.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS 7,500 16th Nov. 10 a.m. Melbourne, Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.

Callis Sandakan

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

TANDA	7,000	20th Nov. d'light	Amoy, S'hai & Kobe.
EASTERN	4,000	23rd Nov.	Yokohama direct.
NELLORE	7,000	23rd Nov.	Shanghai & Japan.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passenger Messengers will receive telegrams & etc. & etc. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

For Passage Rates, Handbooks, Freight etc., apply to

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO

22, Des Voeux Road Central. Agents.

N. Y. K.**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via S'hai & Japan ports. Through Bills of Lading issued to all Overland Common Points in U.S.A. and Canada.

FUSHIMI MARU (Nagasaki direct) Friday, 18th Nov., at 11 a.m.

KATORI MARU (Callag Manila) Saturday, 3rd Dec., at 11 a.m.

KASHIMA MARU Tuesday, 27th Dec., at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.

SHIZUOKA MARU Thursday, 24th Dec. at 11 a.m.

HAKONE MARU Friday, 9th Dec. at 11 a.m.

YOKOHAMA MARU Friday, 23rd Dec. at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

MATSUYE MARU Wednesday, 23rd November.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES.

KAMAKURA MARU Wednesday 7th December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

TANGO MARU Tuesday, 20th Dec., at 11 a.m.

NIKKO MARU Tuesday, 17th Jan., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK VIA PANAMA & CUBAN PORTS.

DELAGOA MARU Friday, 25th Nov.

NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

TSUYAMA MARU End of December.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Cape.

KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 16th November.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

GENOA MARU Saturday, 19th November.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MORIOKA MARU Thursday, 24th November.

NAOSAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Thursday, 17th Nov., at 11 a.m.

NIKKO MARU Friday, 16th Dec., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY MARU (Omitting Shanghai) Thursday, 17th Nov.

YOKOHAMA MARU Monday, 21st Nov., at 11 a.m.

LIMA MARU (Callag Nagasaki) Monday, 21st Nov.

For further information apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Telephone Nos. 292 & 293. K. H. KAMEI, Manager.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Hwah Yah	Java	in port	—	—
Tjimanock	Java	in port	17th Nov.	Amoy/S'hai
Chikar	Java	17th Nov.	—	—
Tjipanas	Java	20th Nov.	26 Nov.	Java via Saigon
Tjitaroom	S'hai/Amoy	25th Nov.	23th Nov.	Java

"The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through-rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia."

ALSO OPERATING

JAVA PACIFIC LIJN.

NEXT SAILING.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjialak	Java	21st Nov.	24th Nov.	Frisco via Cebu, Manila
Tjileboet	Java	second half of Dec.	—	—

Through Bills of Lading issued to U.S.A. and Canadian Overland Points.

For Freight and Passage apply to the

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

York Buildings.

Shipping to Europe, Australia, and other Ports.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

REGULAR SAILINGS TO NEW YORK & BOSTON

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

S.S. "BOWES CASTLE"

Sailing on or about 26th November.

LLOYD TRIESTINO.

Taking cargo or through Bills of Lading for Levant, Black Sea and Danube Ports.

FIUME having been re-opened for traffic, cargo is also accepted for this port on through Bills of Lading.

FOR SHANGHAI.

S.S. "NIPPON" Sailing on or about the 23rd November.

For BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.

Via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

S.S. "NIPPON" Sailing on or about 10th December.

Passengers' Luggage can be insured at the office of the Agents.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to

Sailing from Colombo to South African Ports:—

Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:—

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Telephone 1030. Agents.

AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE.

HONGKONG TO PHILIPPINES & AUSTRALIAN PORTS. SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer	Arrives Hongkong from Australia	Leaves Hongkong for Australia
CHANGSHA	—	26th Nov. at 4 p.m.

This steamer is fitted with Refrigerating machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of ice, fresh provisions etc. and has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares. Cargo booked through to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian ports.

For Freight and Passage apply to

Butterfield & Swire.

Telephone No. 36. Agents.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.)

FREIGHT & PASSENGER SERVICE

FAR EAST, UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT.

Steamer	Sailing
City of Delhi	22nd Nov. Marseilles, London, R'dam, & H'burg
City of Glasgow	6th Dec. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
Kazembe	19th Dec. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE.

City of Manchester	20th Feb.	London
City of Simla	Middle Mar.	London

Subject to change without notice.

For particulars of freight and passage rates apply to:—

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,

or to REISS & Co. Canton General Agents.

GLEN AND SHIRE

JOINT SERVICE OF STEAMERS.

U.K., STRAITS, CHINA & JAPAN Service.

OUTWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hongkong.
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M.V. "GLENVY"	11th December.
"GLENVYLE"	14th December.
"GLENLUCE"	17th December.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
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S.S. "CARNARVONSHIRE"	16th Nov.	L'DON, R'DAM & H'BURG.
"GLENIFFER"	6th Dec.	GENOA, LONDON, ANTWERP, R'DAM & HAMBURG.

Movements are subject to change without notice.

For freight or further particulars please apply to:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.AGENTS **THE GLEN LINE, LTD.**

Telephone No. 215, sub-ex. 23 and 3696

COASTAL SHIPPING.

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Choysang	Thur. 17th Nov. at d'light.
SHAI & T'ian via S'ow	Waishing	Fri. 18th Nov. at d'light.
TIENTSIN	Cheongshing	Fri. 18th Nov. at noon.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri. 18th Nov. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoibow	Taksang	Sat. 19th Nov. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Sat. 19th Nov. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Lalsang	Thur. 24th Nov. at d'light.
BANGKOK	Chunsang	Thur. 24th Nov. at d'light.

CALCUTTA LINE.—This Line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore; Return from Calcutta steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan occasionally calling at Shanghai.

All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon. SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow. Through tickets can be obtained and through Bills of Lading are issued all to Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai.

MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Hoibow when inducement offers.

BORNEO LINE.—Fortnightly sailings to and from Sandakan by two 5,000 ton steamers s.s. "HINSANG" & "MAUSANG" both steamers having excellent passenger accommodation. Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Lahad Datu.

TIENTSIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to Nov. between H'kong & Tientsin calling at Weihaiwei & Chefoo.

BANGKOK LINE.—A weekly service is provided between Hongkong and Bangkok, via Swatow, by four steamers fitted with up-to-date passenger accommodation.

CALCUTTA LINE.

S.S. "Namsang" will be despatched on or about Saturday, 19th Nov., at 3 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to RANGOON, PORT SWETTENHAM & MADRAS & DUTCH EAST INDIES.

For Freight or Passage apply to:—

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Telephone No. 215.

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Luchow	17th Nov. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	17th Nov. at noon.
SWATOW & AMOY	Tean	17th Nov. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	Shantung	19th Nov. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Szechuen	22nd Nov. at 10 a.m.
W'WEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	Huichow	22nd Nov. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	25th Nov. at 4 p.m.
PAKHAI & HAIPHONG	Kailong	27th Nov. at 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI LINE.—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO. Excellent Saloon accommodation amidships. Electric Fans in Saloon and State-rooms. Regular schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai (twice weekly) and Tientsin weekly, taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze, and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

BANGKOK LINE.—Weekly service to and from B'kok via S'ow.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

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Hongkong Nov. 15, 1921.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having good accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light and Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow and Returns,

(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships	Captain	Leaving
Hailong	W. Couper	FRI. 18th Nov. at 1 p.m.
Hailong	W. C. Parnmore	TUES. 22nd Nov. at 1 p.m.
Hailong	J. S. Thomson	FRI. 25th Nov. at noon.

Arrivals and Departures from the Co's Wharf (near Blake Pier.)

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,

General Managers.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA.

The South Sea Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.)

Regular freight and passenger service

between

JAPAN HONGKONG & JAWA.

For Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar & Balikpapan.

S.S. BORNEO MARU Sailing on or about 29th Nov.

For Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

S.S. MACASSAR MARU Sailing on or about 30th Nov.

For further particulars please apply to:—

No. 3, Des Voeux Road Central. K. SUZUKI, Second Floor of Princes Building. Tel. No. 2706. Manager.

SHIPPING NEWS.

JAPANESE TONNAGE.

According to official Japanese figures, there is now under Japanese registry a total number of 2,933 steamers, of 3,012,447 tons gross. Vessels ranging from 5,000 to 6,000 tons number no fewer than 114.

THE NEW BATTLESHIPS.

The Admiralty extended the period by one week from the sending in of final tenders for the four battleships. Clyde builders are confident they will carry off two of the four. This was before the Washington announcement.

EX-GERMAN LINER.

The ex-German liner, which has been operated in Japan for years by the N.Y.K., is to change her name to Yoshino Maru. She will appear in these waters once more as the Kioist and on her next outward voyage, early in January, she will bear her new name.

JAPAN'S REMEDY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION.

It is recognized in Japan that the surest remedy for the depression from which shipbuilding and other national industries are now suffering lies in the development of overseas trade. The Government has therefore entered upon a well-conceived campaign to this end. A start has been made by appointing commercial commissioners to the Japanese embassies and legations abroad, including those in London, Paris, Rome, Berlin and Washington. These officials are to study at first hand the economic situation in Europe and America, with a view to discovering fresh markets for Japanese goods. Their reports will be dealt with by a newly-created department of the Bureau of Commerce, styled the Trade Intelligence Section, and Japanese merchants domiciled abroad have been urged to assist the work of these officials, by all possible means.—Times Trade Supplement.

MISUSE OF FRENCH FLAG.

The Customs Commissioner of Ichang is now taking stringent measures against those Chinese steamers which have been doing illicit business under the cover of the French flag. These Chinese-French shipping companies have felt themselves beyond the pale of Chinese law and because of the fact that there is no French consul at Chungking they have also escaped the restraint of French law. The Commissioner has attacked the business of these firms by fining them heavily for smuggling opium and shipping munitions of war and also by demanding of them large deposits as a guarantee for good behaviour during the ensuing year. The S. Shubun has been fined 90,000 taels for having smuggled opium under the protection of the French flag. The fines and deposits which have already been advanced are under the control of the Customs authorities at Ichang. It is reported that most of these Chinese shipping companies feeling themselves out of the jurisdiction of Chinese law considered that they were subject to no laws at all and that if there had been a French consul at Ichang the smuggling of opium and opium might never have occurred.

FUMIGATION REGULATIONS AT UNITED STATES PORTS.

The Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom is informed by the Board of Trade that an intimation has been received from the Department of State, Washington, that quarantine officers at ports of the United States are not authorised to accept fumigation certificates in general as serving to eliminate the necessity for fumigation which would otherwise apply on account of the sanitary condition of the vessel or on account of the sanitary condition of the port from which the vessel sailed, but that under certain conditions a fumigation certificate may be accepted provided the certificate indicates in detail that all parts of the vessel have been fumigated in accordance with United States Quarantine Regulations, due observance being made as to duration of exposure, strength of fumigating material used, and manner of application, and that the procedure has been carried out to the personal knowledge of an authoritative medical representative of the Consular Office. On account of certain conditions in the Orient, however, due to the widespread prevalence of plague, it is the common practice at all ports on the Pacific that vessels from the Orient shall be fumigated upon arrival, regardless of certificates, and this applies equally to vessels from Hongkong and Manila.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

The New P. & O. Steamer.

Further particulars are available of the new P. and O. liner, the Moldavia, reference to which was made here two days ago. The vessel has a cellular double bottom fore and aft and ten water light bulkheads extending to the shelter decks. There are four continuous decks, namely, main, upper, shelter and shade with promenade and boat decks above, covering the deckhouses accommodating the passengers and officers. Horizontal and vertical sliding watertight doors are fitted in the watertight bulkheads below the shelter deck and may be operated by hand as well as controlled by the Stone-Lloyd hydraulic system. Four fire-resisting bulkheads are between the shelter and shade decks and one between the shade and promenade decks to secure safety against the possible spread of fire. Thirteen large lifeboats are provided, having accommodation for every person on board.

The vessel will carry a large supply of fresh water in tanks into the structure in No. 6 hold abreast the shaft tunnels, while water ballast and boiler feed water will be carried in the cellular double bottom.

Accommodation is provided for 222 first-class passengers and 175 second-class passengers on the shelter, shade, and promenade decks in one, two, three, and four-bed cabins. The officers and engineers are in house on the boat decks, and the crew are forward and aft on the upper, shelter, and shade decks.

Special staterooms are arranged in the forward deckhouse on the promenade deck.

The first and second-class dining saloons, extending the full breadth of the ship, are on the shelter deck amidships, by the galleys, pantries, and service rooms, which are abreast the engine and funnel casings.

The first-class music and smoke rooms, with verandah and promenade, are arranged on the promenade deck, and the second-class music and smoke rooms in a separate deckhouse on the shade deck aft. There is a hospital fitted independently for male and female patients in a small deckhouse on the promenade deck, with the deck bridge over it.

Baths and lavatories are arranged along the centre of the vessel on the shelter, shade, and promenade decks, adjacent to the cabins and staterooms.

Reduced Freights.

We hear that hardware and cement shipped from Britain and the Continent to China, Japan and the Straits Settlements is now being taken at freights which represents, in a large number of cases, a reduction of 17 1/2 per cent. Other reductions are from 5 to 10 per cent. Advices from home state that trade with the Far East has shown some improvement of late, but shippers are handicapped by the condition of the exchange, while the high rate of wages in comparison with those ruling in Continental countries places both the British manufacturer and the British shipper in a disadvantageous position.

Bricks.

The Douglas Company's steamer Hailon, which arrived to-day, brought 23,000 bricks from Swatow.

World Tour With Samples.

Another big delegation of American manufacturers and business men is due here some time next year. The Anderson Overseas Corporation of New York will send the St. Louis laden with samples of American manufactures to all the leading ports of the world under the auspices of prominent business and industrial men in the United States. The vessel is to leave New York in January next, and will proceed to Africa, Australia, China (calling at Hongkong), India and thence to Europe, reaching New York again in September. It is believed that this will prove a better method of advertising and extending markets than by mere communication.

In Wireless Communication.

Ships in wireless communication with the port to-day at 2:30 p.m. were: Lieutenant de la Tour, Cheribon Maru, Lake Gilpen, Caddo Peak, Malaya, Carnarvonshire, Tjikini, Tango Maru, Sumatra, Aki Maru, Nile, Japan, Azuma Maru, Semiramis, Tjibodas, Gusan Maru.

300 SHEEP KILLED ON LINE.

Over 300 sheep were killed outright or had to be destroyed through the derailment of a goods train conveying them, at St. Fillans, Perthshire.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Colonel Howard Bury and his comrades of the Everest expedition have now reached regions where no European foot has preceded them, and they are not likely to encounter any of those amazing coincidences which have surprised, almost startled, adventurous explorers in the past. That famous mountain climber Sir Martin Conway more than once discovered curious illustrations of how small the world is after all. While climbing Aconcagua and looking for a camping place at an altitude of some 14,000 feet far away from any human habitation he saw something fluttering in the wind. Closer inspection revealed that it was an old biscuit tin covered with a piece of a London newspaper! Some 4,000 feet still higher up was found an old duster bunched in the rocks. It was very like the dusters in Sir Martin's baggage, and had obviously been bought at the same shop in London!

LORD BERESFORD MEMORIAL.

Unveiling of the memorial to the late Lord Beresford took place in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral last month.

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Demand, India	197 1/2
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T/T Java	154
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	7.30
Demand, Paris	—

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30 d/s San Francisco and New York	55 1/2
4 m/s Marks	Nom.
4 m/s France	7.30
6 m/s France	8.10
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	52 1/2
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	197 1/2
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	197 1/2
On Yokohama	110
Demand, Manila	108
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On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	—
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WEATHER REPORT.

Nov. 15d. 12h. 03m.—Warning to Hongkong Coast Ports, &c.—Another typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 24° N. and Long. 136° E. moving N.N.E.

November 15d. 11h. 42m.—Pressure has increased slightly over the Philippines, and decreased slightly at Shanghai.

An anticyclone lies over Manchuria. The Bonins and the Loochoos typhoon coalesced yesterday and moved rapidly away into the Pacific.

In the absence of observations from Indo-China it is not possible to give any information concerning the typhoon in the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 95.90 inches, against an average of 81.33 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	N.E. winds, fresh; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamcocks.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	The same as No. 1.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.	
H.K. Observatory, Nov. 16, 1921.	

FIRST ELECTED BISHOP.

November 18 has been fixed for the election at Newport of the first Bishop of Monmouth. He will be the first bishop appointed other than by the Prime Minister this power having passed to the Church under the provisions of disestablishment.

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Place of Observation	Highest W. L. ever recorded	Lowest W. L. ever recorded	W. L. Aug. 30	W. L. Aug. 31
Wuchow, West River	+79.50	-2.42	29.00	29.40
Kongmoon, "	+14.70	-0.80	6.90	7.60
Linkongchow, North "	+57.00	0	8.50	—
Samsui, "	+27.25	-5.00	8.00	8.10
Sheklung, East "	+15.15	-0.98	3.61	4.00

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TIME TABLE.

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7.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	10 mins.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	10 mins.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	10 mins.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	10 mins.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	10 mins.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	10 mins.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	10 mins.

NIGHT CARS.	Every 15 mins.
1.30 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	10 mins.
1.45 p.m. to 1.55 p.m.	10 mins.
1.55 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.	10 mins.
2.05 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	10 mins.
2.15 p.m. to 2.25 p.m.	10 mins.
2.25 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.	10 mins.
2.35 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.	10 mins.
2.45 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.	10 mins.
2.55 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.	10 mins.

SATURDAYS.	Every 15 mins.
7.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	10 mins.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	10 mins.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	10 mins.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	10 mins.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	10 mins.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	10 mins.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	10 mins.

SUNDAYS.	Every 15 mins.
7.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	10 mins.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	10 mins.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	10 mins.
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2.45 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.	10 mins.
2.55 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.	10 mins.

TIDE TABLE.

14th to 20th Nov., 1921.

High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 14	8.25	4.15	2.41
Tues. 15	8.14	4.04	2.30
Wed. 16	8.03	3.93	2.19
Thurs. 17	7.52	3.82	2.08
Fri. 18	7.41	3.71	1.97
Sat. 19	7.30	3.60	1.86
Sun. 20	7.19	3.49	1.75

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